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USCIS lottery for CW permits

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services received an enough number of CW petitions for fiscal year 2019 and would be using a lottery system for the approval of permits.

In an announcement early yesterday morning, USCIS said that the application period for CW permits for fiscal year 2019 will officially closed on Friday, April 13, 2018, mainland time.

The announcement also added that since USCIS has received more than the allowed number of CW permit applications for this fiscal year, which is 4,999, the federal agency would be using a lottery sys-

tem to determine which permits would be approved. Permits received after Friday would be "rejected and will not be considered for this lottery."

"USCIS will randomly select petitions received between April 2, 2018, and April 13, 2018.

If USCIS receives your petition after April 13, it will be rejected and will not be considered for this lottery," the

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» **FY 2019 CW cap met within 10 days**
» **CW application period to close tomorrow**

Luring CNMI youths to return

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As part of efforts to lure back to the CNMI the many youth who are studying off-island, the CNMI Scholarship Program is setting aside funds in a program whose main goal would be to provide these off-island stu-

dents incentives to come back.

According to program administrator Rose Pangelinan, these include fellowship and internship programs, which hopes to attract students abroad to return home.

"We understand that some of the students abroad fall into the degree

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XTRA Airways: Suit has no merit

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XTRA Airways insists that the claims made by Dream Pacific Aviation Services Hong Kong Ltd. in its racketeering lawsuit against XTRA are false and without merit.

AerSale Inc. director of marketing Lyndelle Nieuwkerk told Saipan

Tribune that Dream Pacific failed to honor its contractual commitments to XTRA Airways.

AerSale Inc. reportedly operated and controlled XTRA Airways.

Nieuwkerk said in an email that XTRA Airways ultimately canceled its agreement with Dream Pacific after XTRA Airways was not paid for

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Former governor Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita A. Sablan announced their candidacy for governor and lieutenant governor at his house in Gualo Rai yesterday afternoon.

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Babauta, Sablan announce candidacies

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Citing an erosion of public confidence, discomfort, and distrust of the government in the last four years, former governor Juan N. Ba-

bauta and former education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan officially announced their independent candidacies yesterday for governor and lieutenant governor.

"We want to do something about it, and that is why we are running,"

said Babauta as he raised the left hand of Sablan, drawing cheers from supporters, family members, and relatives at Babauta's house in Gualo Rai.

Babauta noted that the CNMI had

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Local

MYPros is kicking off 'Rock the Vote' tonight

Marianas Young Professionals, or MYPros, in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College and Commonwealth Election Commission, will be hosting its first "Rock the Vote" booth tonight, April 13, at the NMC Charter Day from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

On-site voter registration will be available during the event with the help of CEC and MYPros members. Interested applicants at the age of 18 and above are encouraged to bring their passport or birth certificate required for proof of residency and to ensure a complete registration process.

"Participating in elections is a crucial part of our political system," said MYPros president Matthew Deleon Guerrero, "Reaching out and getting people excited and involved in our upcoming elections is an important part of MYPros and

our mission to get young professionals in the CNMI civically engaged in our community."

On the same date, CEC will be at Kagman High School from 1pm to 3pm to register community members to vote. Faculty, students, family members, friends, and the rest of the community are encouraged to participate and be eligible to vote this November 2018.

After the NMC Charter Day, MYPros "Rock the Vote" will be at the Flame Tree Arts Festival from April 26 to 29 and at Saipan Southern High School. MYPros is a community organization with the goal of to connect passionate young professionals with opportunities to grow and engage socially, professionally, and civically for the benefit of the Commonwealth. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/MYPros670>. (PR)

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SNILD backs MINA call for funding

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Majority of the members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation support the Micronesia Nature Alliance's request for assistance last Wednesday.

Though a handful of delegation members weren't present at Wednesday's session, at least more than half attended

the MINA presentation, said delegation chair Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan).

"Everybody supports environmental cleanups, beautifications, and [damage] prevention, so this is a given; everyone is concerned for our environment," he said.

MINA, led by board chair Frances Castro, said it needs \$150,000 to continue operations, which mostly consist of doing beach cleanups and ad-

vocating for the cleanliness of the environment.

They also asked the delegation for a \$2-million endowment in order to participate in the Micronesia Challenge—a commitment signed back in 2006 by the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Guam, and the CNMI to preserve their natural resources.

"As chairman right now, most likely [the delega-

tion] would appropriate the \$150,000. More than half of the members were here [and they] were offering their support," said Sablan.

As for the Micronesia Challenge, Sablan believes that that is more of a "Commonwealth-wide" effort.

"...I feel that it is not only the Saipan and Northern Islands' obligation, but also Tinian and Rota's, so we need to tackle the \$2 million as a Commonwealth body in the Legislature," he said, adding that Gov. Ralph

DLG Torres has already initiated discussions. Sablan did not specify who Torres was in discussion with.

In a separate interview, Castro said that MINA's funding has been diminished by several federal cuts.

"...MINA does not really benefit from [the funding], it's the community and the environment. As we all know, the environment is really our

economy," she said, adding that tourists are attracted to coral reefs and beaches.

The four-man crew of MINA, two of which are rangers, would be supported by the \$150,000 appropriation, said Castro.

She added that it would also go to the purchasing of equipment for the operations of MINA, such as plastic bags for beach cleanups.

Young leader vies for a House seat

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Sheila Jack Babauta of the Marianas Young Professionals is taking up a new challenge, this time aiming for a House of Representatives seat in the 21st Legislature.

Babauta, a Saipan native and board member of the Marianas Young Professionals organization and the Million Dollar Scholars Program, has announced her candidacy as an independent bet for Precinct 4.

In Babauta's role as a board member, she was instrumental in planning the annual MY-Pros March for H.E.R.S. during Women's Month, and the Scholars Beach BBQ where mentors shared educational experiences with young schol-

ars. Additionally, Babauta is an active member of the Talaabwogh Star Association as co-captain for the 2018 Marianas March Against Cancer.

Babauta's goal is to be the voice of many generations at the legislative table. "Not just my generation but those of our close-knit communities...My passion is to create an inclusive environment that is representative of the rich diversity we have on our beautiful island.

Embracing diversity and recognizing what we all can contribute is key to progressing while preserving our CNMI."

Babauta said her concern for the community and helping those who do not have a voice arises from her experiences. "After pursuing my education and career opportuni-

ties, I returned home excited to be an active part of our island community. It was through my involvement in these activities and initiatives, especially through MyPros, where my concern for our islands grew."

Babauta has also volunteered with the deaf community during her time as a student in Hawaii, tutored math at Kapiolani Community College, and worked with the Hawaii Meth Project to spread awareness of the drug epidemic.

After relocating to Washington, Babauta's volunteering efforts continued at the local food bank and the church children's center and she even launched her own business, Kaling's Kitchen.

Babauta is centering her campaign on the pillars of Respect, Integrity, Service, and Empowerment, believing it is time for the millennial generation to R.I.S.E.

"It is time we take responsibility and do our part to contrib-

ute to a better CNMI. It is time we RISE together," she said.

Babauta holds bachelor's degrees in Finance and International Business from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

She completed two internships with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management & UMEE Honolulu and was inducted to three honor societies: Golden Key International HS, Phi Theta Kappa HS, and Beta Gamma Sigma International HS before graduating with honors in 2011.

Babauta continued her career in financial management with Raymond James Financial Services in Washington before returning home in 2016.



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Over 200 take part in Walk and Roll vs sex abuse

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REPORTER

Over 200 took part in the annual Walk and Roll event organized by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence last Wednesday.

Nearly 300 men, women, and children came out with handmade signs and posters to march around the village of Chalan Kanoa to spread sexual abuse awareness.

The number of participants in this year's Walk and Roll greatly exceeded last year's number of just 100.

The coalition gave out a total of 100 shirts to the first 100 registrants. All the shirts were distributed and about 100 additional T-shirts were given away to Saipan Southern High School students and Department of Public Safety officers.

The Walk and Roll campaign began from the Chalan

Kanoa basketball court and walked about a mile around Chalan Kanoa.

Aside from community members, DPS, and Saipan Southern High School, the Department of Corrections, the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Youth Services, and government and private agencies also participated.

According to Maisie Tenorio, executive director of the Northern Marianas Coalition

Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Walk and Roll is important to spread awareness because awareness could lead to the end of sexual assault and abuse.

This year's Walk and Roll theme was "Embrace your Voice."

"The victims of sexual assault...they're very afraid and ashamed to speak out so it's our job...to help them by speaking out for them," said Tenorio. "It [sexual abuse] is

happening in our community and it is not okay. We have to be able to say that...we are not going to tolerate it."

The walk was organized by the coalition in celebration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Red Cross Walkathon tomorrow

The community is invited to the 32nd Annual Red Cross Walkathon this Saturday.

The event, organized by the American Red Cross NMI Chapter, encourages healthy living and raises funds for the chapter's operations and projects.

Each student who raises \$75 on their pledge forms are eligible for a pass to the new Pacific Islands Club Saipan Waterpark, Subway's F'real shakes, a McDonald's Arch Card worth \$5, and free drink from The Shack.

Any individual who donates \$20 to the walkathon will receive free shirts designed for

the event by Tribe Marianas.

During the walkathon, community members can avail of services such as blood pressure checks and immunization. The community will also be treated to live cooking demonstrations, bounce houses, carnival games, face painting, and a military vehicle show.

This will also be the first year that the walkathon will have a booth dedicated to adopting stray animals.

The walkathon will be held at the Guma Sakman (4-H) Building in Susupe at 6am. Interested walkers can sign up to walk 10K, 5K, or 2K. **(Kimberly Bautista)**

XTRA

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the flights it was contracted to fly for Dream Pacific.

The marketing director said XTRA Airways will file a response to Dream Pacific's

lawsuit with the U.S. District Court for the NMI at the appropriate time and will be claiming damages against Dream Pacific.

"XTRA Airways will vigorously defend the false allegations contained in the lawsuit through the court process,"

Nieuwker said.

Dream Pacific and four other businesses, along with 21 Chinese tourists, have filed a \$50-million racketeering lawsuit in federal court against the owner and officials of XTRA Airways and several others, including AerSale Inc., for al-

legedly engaging in a fraudulent scheme by pretending to participate in a plan to bring vacationing tourists from China to Saipan via charter flight but in fact deliberately sabotaging such plan by failing to take the steps necessary for it to succeed.

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program and we plan to bring them home for internship and fellowship programs. We would be here to help our students to get back into our workforce," she added, speaking to business leaders at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general meeting last week.

Pangelinan cited examples where students who studied abroad came back to the CNMI and tried to apply for jobs here but were turned down.

"There are issues with our students from abroad who come back home equipped with a bachelor's degree and get turned down in the job because they don't have work experience," she said. "By having these internships and fellowship programs, we would help them [and] give them a chance to work here. This opportunity

will also give private companies a chance to work with them, guide them, and groom them into employees that you can hire."

Programs initiated by the CNMI Scholarship Program are fueled by local funds and money from the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program. Since transferring the administration of CW fees to the CNMI Scholarship Office this fiscal year, the CNMI Scholarship Office continues its efforts to ensure that the funds are distributed in line with the mandates of U.S. Public Law 110-229.

Pangelinan said that the CNMI Scholarship board of directors created MRWORKS, or Marianas Rural Workforce Opportunities by Rehabilitation thru Knowledge and Skills. Part of this program holds the components of the CW funds.

In the CNMI fiscal year 2018 budget, a grand total of \$1.95 million from exist-

ing CW fees was appropriated by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to be administered by the CNMI Scholarship Office and distributed to eligible educational and vocational entities.

"The CW funds are given out as grants to the three educational institutions on the island: Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Trade Institute, and Latte Training Academy," she said, "Our mission is really to...train eligible U.S. residents in the Commonwealth and the criteria for the grant process includes that the institutions must be in the Commonwealth, the training and education must take place in the Commonwealth and the funds to be used for education are limited to U.S.-eligible residents," she added.

Pangelinan said that the scholarship office assessed what was needed in the Commonwealth based on the CW counts of jobs that need transition.

The first tier consists of construction workers and building services, food service for handlers and servers and medicine, and health occupations, including nursing.

The second tier includes administrative, managerial, business managers, computer-related occupations, agricultural occupations, fishing industry, and entertainment and recreation occupations.

The third tier is "writing education, architectural, engineering, and surveying occupations," she added.

Pangelinan said the Scholarship Program is working hard on how to best utilize the \$1.9-million budget allotted to them to give to the needs of NMC, NMTI, and LTA.

"We have to work within our means and consider also the kind of trainings that they were able to provide this year. We will continue to make every effort to identify funds that could be used toward their additional needs," she added.

BABAUTA

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similar problems in the past "and the rebel in me came out."

"And [now] we are seeing the repeat of that," he added, citing several cases that he described as "nonsense."

"I don't tolerate those kinds of nonsense," he added, saying he does not tolerate a society that persecutes people, that demeans people, that takes advantage of people, and that takes away their rights, whether they are citizens of the United States or not.

Babauta said for him and Sablan to turn the other cheek will simply mean that they are complicit and they become part of the problem, not the solution.

"Today, we are standing here to tell you that we want to be part of the solution," he said.

Babauta said the cumulative events of the last four years in the CNMI are the driving force behind his and Sablan's decision to run.

"Many in the CNMI saw and felt the events of the last four years with discomfort and distrust," he said.

To many in the CNMI, Babauta said, the last four years have once again cast a sinister view of government.

"It is not a government at its best. It has eroded the public confidence and cast a dark cloud over the integrity of many who are supposed to be in positions of trust," the former governor said.

Babauta said it is reminiscent of events that took place in the CNMI not too long ago.

"Workers are being exploited, workers die at worksites without explanation, and no one is being held responsible," he said, adding that workers are being unjustly compensated and are being silenced by flying them out of the CNMI

in the middle of the night.

Babauta noted that a large portion of the CNMI population is still at poverty level or below. He said this is not the CNMI that the people envisioned when they became U.S. citizens in 1986.

"Our kids and future generations will inevitably ask: Did you do something about it? We don't want them to tell us that we were complicit and that we were silent and did not do anything," Babauta said.

Sablan said that everyone want to see a change in the service of government for the people and for people to have faith in its government.

"We all lost faith and I think we need to restore that. And we can do this together," she said.

The former education commissioner said people want trustworthiness, accountability, responsibility, and integrity.

"That is your desire and that is our desire as well," Sablan said.

Among the supporters who attended the gathering were former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Franklin Reyes Babauta, former Department of Corrections commissioner Lino Tenorio, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. public information officer Samantha Birmingham-Babauta, and former Labor secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero.

Franklin Babauta and Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* that they are running as independent for House seats representing precinct 1. Samantha Birmingham-Babauta has already announced her candidacy for a House seat under precinct 1. DeLeon Guerrero said she has not decided yet whether to run for a House seat.

The Babauta-Sablan tandem is the first to challenge Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Senate President Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) for the top CNMI posts at the Nov. 6 general election.

USCIS

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announcement said.

In a previous statement to *Saipan Tribune*, a USCIS representative said the lottery system is utilized in order to provide the "fairest opportunity to request workers, particularly with the possibility of mail delays from the CNMI."

USCIS gave notice 10 business days prior to determining the usage of the lottery; however, the cap was met after only six business days from its opening application date of April 2, 2018.

While both Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind MP) and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres made efforts to obtain a reprieve from the 4,999 CW

limit for fiscal year 2019, this was ignored by USCIS.

"Despite the best efforts of myself and other Marianas leaders to convince the Trump administration to hold off on cutting the number of CW permits in half, they are moving ahead," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

"Nothing in the law requires this harmful action. And with the possibility of the U.S. Workforce Act passing soon and raising the number of permits back to the 2017 level, cutting the CW number in half is premature and unnecessary," he added, referring to U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski's (R-AK) S. 2325, or the U.S. Workforce Act, a bill that seeks to reset the CW cap for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000; provide ad-

ditional validity to long-time CW workers; and extend the CNMI transitional period, along with programs under it such as the CW program and the E-2C investor program, to fiscal year 2029. Sablan simultaneously introduced H.R. 4869 at the U.S. House on Jan. 19, 2018.

"We continue to remain hopeful that the bill we have in Congress...is passed swiftly to address the long-term concerns facing our economy and community," said Torres in a separate statement.

"Progress has been made through the governor's discussions with Sen. Murkowski and leaders on the hill to ensure that we have a bill that recognizes our concerns as a community

and that local measures have been implemented to safeguard against bad actors in our economy," he added.

Torres previously lauded USCIS for using the lottery system in order to assure fairness in selecting CW permits to approve by eliminating the first-come, first-serve system of previous fiscal years.

"We're pleased with the work for a long-term solution to this issue, but remain cognizant of the need to address individual concerns because those permits are more than just numbers. Those are families and friends who call these islands home, and this administration will advocate for that," said Torres, adding that the CNMI "needs more workers for our economy to maintain its viability."

Another evaluation for man who stole judge's gun

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI ordered again last Wednesday another psychiatric examination of Cling Philip Kaipat, who was due to be sentenced for stealing a gun from the house of Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

At a status conference, Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said a psychiatric or psychological examination of Kaipat, preferably at a Bureau of Prison where he has previously been assessed, would show whether



Manglona

he is competent to be sentenced.

Manglona said a hearing to determine Kaipat's competency will be scheduled after the report is received.

The judge set a status conference for July 11, 2018 at 9am.

The status conference last Wednesday was set to discuss whether Kaipat was competent to proceed with the sentencing. The sentencing has been postponed several times because of Kaipat's erratic behavior.

Kaipat earlier told the court that he is not in the right state of mind, that he continues to take his medications and that they cause some side effects. Kaipat informed the court he feels he should be re-evaluated.

In March 2016, Manglona granted the U.S. government's motion for a psychiatric examination to determine Kaipat's competency.

In November 2017, Kaipat pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of a stolen firearm.

Kaipat stole a 9mm Smith and Wesson pistol on Nov. 5, 2015, while burglarizing Govendo's home on Saipan.

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Kilili revises bill to account for slow food stamp spending

WASHINGTON, DC—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has introduced a bill to give more food stamp funding to the Marianas, when funds already available are used up.

The bill is a revision of Sablan's earlier legislation, H.R. 4216, that would provide an additional \$8.5 million each year beginning in 2019 and continuing through 2023—a total of \$42.5 million to feed Marianas families.

"The new bill only releases

the annual \$8.5 million, when the Commonwealth has less than that amount still unexpended," Sablan said. "We had to take this approach because the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported last month that the Marianas has \$22.5 million available.

"Getting more funding with so much already on hand just would not fly with the House Agriculture Committee," Sablan added.

Sablan is working with the

Agriculture Committee to add his Marianas funding provision to a new "farm bill" that could be passed in this Congress. He added \$32.5 million for the Marianas food stamp program in the last farm bill in 2014, but most of the money is still unspent.

In addition, Congress just appropriated another \$12.148 million for the food stamp program in the Marianas in the fiscal year 2018 omnibus appropriation, Pub-

lic Law 115-141.

"I have not received an updated account from the Agriculture Department yet, but the previously reported backlog of \$22.5 million will obviously now be even larger."

Making more families eligible for food assistance and raising the monthly benefits have been Sablan's goals since his first year in Congress.

"It is hard knowing that people are hungry when millions of dollars are available to feed them.

"And it will be hard to keep

funding at the current annual level of \$20.648 million, if

Korean athlete accused of sex assault allowed to leave Guam

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A Superior Court of Guam judge has allowed a South Korean soccer player charged with sexual assault to return home for military service, pending his trial.

Byong Oh Kim is accused of sexually assaulting a woman on Jan. 22 at a Guam resort, the *Pacific Daily*

the CNMI continues its slow spending rate," he said. (PR)

News reported Monday.

Kim was indicted on three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and four counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Kim was on Guam with the Sangju Sangmu soccer team for training in January.

The 22-year-old woman who accused Kim told police that she woke up in a hotel room to Kim rubbing her stomach and breast. She told police that Kim also took off her underwear and raped her.

The woman said she ran out of the hotel room and found a security guard who called police.

Kim's attorney, F. Randall Cunliffe, has said there's video evidence from the hotel disputing the allegations made against his client.

Kim, an active duty member of the Korea Armed Forces Athletic Corps, was deemed AWOL because he couldn't leave Guam and return to his unit after he was charged, Cunliffe said.

Kim will have to return to Guam on July 18 for a court hearing.

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AlumKnight Thomas Manglona II shines as a journalist

Amidst all his studies at the University of California at Berkeley, Thomas Manglona II, a 2016 Mount Carmel School AlumKnight, continues to pursue his passion for journalism.

Most notably, Manglona was recently granted an internship with ABC7 News in the San Francisco-Bay Area. At ABC7, Manglona will be working behind the scenes and assisting professionals in the field and studio. The program is only open to juniors and seniors, but as a sophomore he was able to use his reporting experience to

garner the internship.

Early in his time at UC Berkeley, Manglona landed a position as a correspondent with the university's award-winning CalTV television network, from where he would eventually be promoted to news director and general assignment reporter. Recently, he was selected to lead CalTV as its executive director.

Prior to UC Berkeley's CalTV, Manglona completed the JCamp program, one of the most prestigious journalism training programs in the nation. Sponsored by the Asian

American Journalists Association, JCamp is a six-day multicultural journalism training program for freshmen, sophomores and juniors in high school who attend the camp at no cost, thanks in large part to the support of donors such as the Annie E. Casey Foundation and other corporate sponsors.

Manglona also worked as a correspondent for the Pacific News Center for their ABC7 and FOX6 platforms and reported for the *Saipan Tribune*, *North Star*, *h Sports* magazine, and *Marianas Variety*.

While a student at Mount

Carmel School, in addition to leading the school's "Knighly News" journalism club, Thomas served as student council president during his senior year and was active in a variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, including Junior Statesmen of America and Youth Congress. He graduated from Mount Carmel with honors and the Bishop's Award for Service, the Governor's Award for Leadership, and the President's Award for Excellence.

Manglona is pursuing a degree in Media Studies at the



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Thomas Manglona, who is an undergraduate and Gates Scholar at UC Berkeley, secured an internship with ABC7 News in the San Francisco-Bay Area this year. He credits all of his family, mentors at Mt. Carmel, and various local journalists for his success.

University of California-Berkeley with a Gates Millennium Scholarship. He also works under UC Berkeley's Centers for Education Justice & Communi-

ty Engagement as a community advocate for the Pacific Islander community under the Asian-Pacific American Student Development Office. (PR)

CNMI's first student-led summit is a success

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REPORTER

The first student-led summit organized by leaders of various high schools across the CNMI garnered the participation of over 200 students.

This summit was a break from the standard practice, when the Public School System would organize youth summits to encourage high school students to consider where they'd like to go for college, to consider what they want to become in the future, and to empower them through keynote speakers.

This year, the student council representatives themselves organized the conference—sort of a summit for the students by the students, with the theme S.E.E (Strengthen. Educate. Empower) Yourself.

According to Mariah Cruz, the PSS student representative on the Board of Education, considering that this was a first for the student leaders, the five-hour summit ran smoothly and remained on schedule throughout the day.

It consisted of five workshops facilitated by the five participating public high schools, with guest presenters and skits in between.

Each workshop discussed issues that high school students are facing today like underage drinking, self-harm, smoking, sex education, and ways to prevent bullying.

Acting education commissioner Yvonne Pangelinan said it was an effective way to get teens learn from one another.

"There are a lot of things adults can do to intervene to help but what is most effective is to hear from somebody who has experienced things the way you have, that's going through life the way you are, and so I think it's a very effective means of communicating with their peers...it's events like these where they are able to share their thoughts..." she said.

The students seemed more engaged compared to previous summits and were more comfortable during each workshop because they were able to voice their opinions freely.

Jackie Quitugua, associate education commissioner for curriculum and instruction, was impressed with the turnout.

The summit had 9th to 12th graders from Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, Tinian High School, Kagman High School, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos High School, and Da'ok Academy.



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Faisao loses heirship claim to estate that got \$2.7M-plus

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REPORTER

Former Community and Cultural Affairs secretary Melvin Faisao has lost his claim of being an heir of the Rita Rogolifoi estate, which was awarded \$2.7 million plus interest for land compensation in 2009.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has ruled that Faisao is not a descendant of Rita Rogolifoi's children and therefore has no right to her property or a share in the estate.

Camacho said that Faisao has failed to prove that Pedro Rogolifoi was the original owner of the land in As Mahe-tog or that Pedro Rogolifoi is the father of Macaria Rogolifoi Faisao.

Camacho also ruled that Melvin Faisao has failed to prove that Rita Rogolifoi and Macaria Faisao are biological or adopted sisters.

Melvin Faisao alleges that he is the grandson of Macaria Rogolifoi Faisao. He further alleges that Macaria Faisao is the biological sister of the descendent, Rita Rogolifoi, through Rita Rogolifoi's father, Pedro Rogolifoi.

Melvin Faisao also contends that the property in Rita Rogolifoi's estate originally belonged to Pedro Rogolifoi and was held in trust in Rita Rogolifoi's name for Pedro Rogolifoi's family, including Macaria Faisao and her descendants, according to Carolinian custom.

As a descendent of Macaria Faisao, he claims entitlement to a share of the property and proceeds from the property.

Clarence "Bud" White, the administrator for the Rita Rogolifoi estate, denies Melvin Faisao's allegations that Macaria Faisao and Rita Rogolifoi were biological half-sisters.

White also asserts that Rita Rogolifoi, not Pedro Rogolifoi, originally owned the property.

In denying Melvin's claims of heirship, Camacho said the property was originally cleared and claimed by Rita Rogolifoi.

Camacho said the property is held under Carolinian custom and passes to Rita Rogolifoi's children and their descendants, according to that custom.

Charles P. Reyes Jr. served as counsel for Melvin Faisao, but he later withdrew and Melvin Faisao pursued the case without a lawyer.

Stephen J. Nutting repre-

sented White, while Joaquin Torres served as counsel for the heirs of Pedro Rogolifoi. Camacho held hearings

on Melvin Faisao's motion to determine heirship under Carolinian customary law in June 2017.

Rita Rogolifoi estate had received from the CNMI government \$700,000 in February 2017 as advance payment.

With the agreement of the parties appearing at the hearing last year, Camacho authorized a partial distribution in

the amount of \$100,000 from the funds received as a part of a land compensation claim with the government.



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Robotics workshop moves to next phase

The Friends of the Mariana Trench Monument announced yesterday the selection of 20 students for the second part of its Marine Ecology via Remote Observation Workshop.

During this second half of the program, students will receive training in building, operating, and maintaining observation-class remotely operated vehicles, or ROVs,

also known as underwater drones or underwater robots. These students will be taught by eight facilitators trained in train-the-trainer portion of the workshop.

Over a span of four days, students from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam will build research-grade ROVs and learn skills such as soldering electronics, acrylic fabrica-

tion, and building underwater housings while learning the fundamentals of marine ecology using underwater vehicles.

Students will then have the opportunity to take the robots out in the field to conduct surveys and gain a greater understanding of how underwater robots can be used to complement ocean research and monitoring programs.

This project provides an intensive STEM-education opportunity for students while establishing a sustainable, long-term robotics program in the CNMI through facilitator training.

At the end of this program, six ROVs will be presented to community groups within the CNMI, such as the *Okeanos Marianas*, for community-

driven ocean monitoring, research, and exploration.

This project is being conducted in collaboration with Northern Mariana Trades Institute as the main host, along with other community partners.

The student portion of this workshop will commence April 19 and end April 22. The public is welcome to view field operations in the afternoon on the last day of the workshop, April 22, which is

also Earth Day. Location will be announced next week.

This workshop is made possible through a NOAA grant awarded to Dr. Andrew Thaler, a Friends member and marine and conservation scientist. The workshop is coordinated by the Friends of the Mariana Trench Monument and hosted by Northern Marianas Trades Institute. Demonstrations and field ops are being hosted by Seatouch-Saipan. (PR)

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Lighting, roofing projects proposed for CDBG funds

The Office of the Governor, through the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse, recently submitted two project proposals to the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. for the Community Development Block Grant for fiscal year 2018.

The two projects focused on increasing community security and recreation, totaling approximately \$706,000.

For Saipan, OGM submitted a project to install lamp posts along the Kagman Pathway.

Currently, the entire Kagman pathway, beginning from Chacha Oceanview Middle School to the end of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, lacks proper lighting. This poses hazards to both pedestrians and drivers alike.

After daylight hours, drivers are often unable to spot pedestrians prior to them crossing the roads.

Both OGM and the Office of the Governor identified the need for this proposal to mitigate the risks currently present due to the lack of light, especially with the increased foot traffic since the completion of the first phase of the Kagman Community Park.

This project proposes to install lamp posts beginning at the ChaCha Oceanview Middle School and ending before the entrance to the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

For Rota, a grant proposal was submitted to construct a roof and place lighting over the stage at the Sinapalo Children's Playground Park. This will breathe new life into the park by allowing patrons to use the stage in the evening.

Jace Pineda, a project coordinator and grants specialist in OGM, noted that the need to increase security in the community.

"Opportunities such as the Community Development Block Grant are ones we definitely look forward to as we continue to work toward developing our islands' village communities," Pineda said.

Previous CDBG funding were used to enhance the Kolblerville Youth Learning Center and revitalize the community park in San Vicente.

Ezra Lizama, a project coordinator and grants specialist in OGM, explained that these

projects will provide the youth with a multitude of resources.

"The project will provide the tools and facilities to develop their social skills outside the classroom and school grounds, especially after school and on the weekends, thus helping deter juvenile mischief, delinquency, vandalism, graffiti, and other antisocial behavior," Lizama added.

OGM's first awarded proposal through the Community Development Block Grant was to revitalize and enhance the San Vicente Central Park.

Epiphany E. Cabrera, Jr., administrator for OGM, gave thanks to NMHC for the continual coordination on key community projects.

"We are grateful that the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. invites entities to apply for this annual grant that allow them to focus on developing projects that are essential to the welfare and safety of our communities. We are also excited to announce that the groundbreaking ceremony for the San Vicente Central Park is slated for Wednesday, April 18, at 10am."

The revitalization project proposes to enhance the landscaping of the area to include concrete picnic tables, concrete barbecue pits, lamp posts, park benches, and trash bin receptacles. Furthermore, it aims to set up playground equipment, provide a new asphalt parking lot, construct a new concrete round house, and a youth center building.

"The Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse continues to seek more grant opportunities to assist in the betterment of the CNMI as a whole. We have recently submitted project proposals to the Office of Insular Affairs' Technical and Maintenance Assistance Programs and are currently working on proposals for the Office of Insular Affairs' Energizing Insular Communities grant program," Cabrera added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres noted that the recent submission of several key projects are intended to bring about increased benefits, resources, and amenities for the Commonwealth.

"Epi and his hardworking team at OGM put in a lot of effort into obtaining funding for key projects that the commu-



An artist's perspective of the proposed project for the Sinapalo Children's Park.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

nity has brought to our attention. This is not just CDBG, but also our projects through the Technical Assistance Program and the Maintenance Assistance Program under the Office of Insular Affairs. The efforts have paid off as we are now seeing several projects that are either now off the ground or in the works. I thank OGM, NMHC, and our community partners for the collaboration on really being a part of our efforts to better the standard of living in our villages on all three islands. We're excited to see these all come to life soon," Torres said. (PR)



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Cabrera asks WESPAC for accounting of tuna quota funds

Conservationist and former Division of Environmental Quality director Ignacio V. Cabrera has asked the Western Central Pacific Fisheries

Management Council for an accounting of more than one million dollars they have received.

Each year the CNMI gov-

ernment sells their allotted tuna quota to the Hawaii Longline Association and gives the money to WESPAC.

"WESPAC controls this

money, but they are supposed to spend it in our community to promote sustainability," said Cabrera in a letter to WESPAC dated April 6, 2018.

"Our people deserve to know how this money is spent, and who received it."

WESPAC is meant to use the funds to support objectives in the CNMI's Marine Conservation Plan. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Voter registration in Kagman

The Commonwealth Election Commission will be at Kagman High School today, April 13, 2018, from 1pm until 3pm to register members of the community to be eligible to vote in 2018 election. All people must be 18 years or older by Nov. 6, 2018, in order to be eligible. People need to bring a copy of their birth certificate or

U.S. passport to register. (PR)

Avifauna presentation at the AMP

The Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management, or APASEEM, is hosting a "Mariana Avifauna Conservation Program" presentation at the American Memorial Park on April 25, from 5:30pm until 6:30pm. They will review ef-

forts to insure bird diversity against the brown tree snake and other threats. The conference is free and open to the public. Time is reserved at the end of the talk to answer questions from the audience. (PR)

Bangladesh community to mark New Year

The Bangladeshi community in the CNMI will be celebrating their New Year on April

14, 2018, at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion (Kilili Beach), from 6pm to 10pm, with family and friends. The public is invited to this event. (PR)

Registration at KES

Koblerville Elementary School will open registration of Kindergarten students on April 16, 2018 and close at 3pm on May 25, 2018. There are limited slots available.

Note that to register your child must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 30, 2018. Registration for new students (1st to 5th grades) is scheduled to begin on June 11, 2018, Monday, to July 13, 2018, Friday, from 9am to 3pm at the school's main office. Registration forms are available at the school's main office. For more information, call 664-3961 or 664-3962. (PR)

Demolition training in Guam

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Candidates invited to appear on radio show

All candidates running for public office will be given equal air time regardless of party affiliation on the Marianas Agupa radio talk show from May 2018 to Sept. 30, 2018.

To schedule your radio appearance on the talk show, contact show host Glenn H. Manglona as soon as possible at 287-4536 or via email at gmanglona@gmail.com. The deadline to secure your air time on the show is April 30, 2018. Do not wait, contact now and make arrangement.

Candidates on Rota and Tinian, your radio appearance will be through phone patch by Thomas D. Mendiola and David M. Cing, respectively.

The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and those listening via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show (direct to studio at 234-5929 or use Marianas Agupa Facebook account via instant messaging.) (PR)

Islandwide cleanup on April 20

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be joining the 2018 Environmental Awareness Month Islandwide Cleanup on April 20, from 3pm to 4:30pm and Saturday, April 21, from 8am to 10am. If you would like to volunteer, contact the BECQ no later than April 18, 2018, at 4pm. For more information about volunteering, contact Jose Kaipat at 664-8500/1. (PR)

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Paul Ryan: The speaker who spoke about deficits

We know how to get most members of Congress and candidates to mumble uncomfortably: Ask for their plans to deal with the nation's troubling debt load and unsustainable Medicare and Social Security burdens. Pols love to make lofty promises; they hate to be associated with responsible budget-cutting proposals.

One high-profile exception to that rule is U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan from Janesville, Wis., who announced Wednesday he will leave Congress at the end of his current term. Ryan's been a favorite of ours through his years in Washington because he isn't afraid to talk about the trillions of dollars America doesn't have—but spends anyway!—for entitlements. And he sticks his neck out to propose budget solutions.

Back in 2011 when the national debt was \$15 trillion and Ryan was about to be accused in an attack ad of throwing granny off the cliff, he said he'd keep trying to fix massive social programs like Medicare, in order to protect America's future fiscal health. "What if your congressman, your president knew what was coming and did nothing?" he asked during a meeting with the Tribune Editorial Board. "What would you think of that guy? ... Everyone tells me that I'm giving our political adversaries the massive political weapon to use in the next campaign. Yes, we are. But you know, if you don't start fixing these things"

Today the national debt is \$21 trillion. The Medicare trust fund that pays hospital expenses will be depleted in 2029, according to a recent estimate. Social Security will have a shortfall beginning in 2034. Yet the 2018 election season will find many candidates, especially Democrats, embracing a form of universal health insurance they call "Medicare for all." How to pay for it? Voters are more likely to see another granny ad than a detailed plan.

We're not suggesting Ryan, who chaired the House Budget Committee before becoming speaker, had all the answers. Ryan and his allies in 2011 proposed reining in the deficit and debt partly through a revamping of Medicare that would use a voucher system to provide subsidies for seniors to obtain private insurance. This was a linchpin of the Ryan budget plan. The idea—a more free-market approach—is still floating out there, but the national political focus shifted to Obamacare. Part of Ryan's concern was that expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act would become another costly burden for states. How to fix or replace Obamacare? Hmm, neither Ryan nor his predecessor as speaker, John Boehner, could solve that thorny problem.

Ryan said he will not seek re-election because it's time to go home to his family. He doesn't want to be a permanent "weekend dad." He never burned with desire to be speaker, but someone in the fractured Republican Party has to wrangle the House cats. Ryan, a respected conservative with strong policy chops, stepped up. Dealing with irascible

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The welcome mat: Out for legal immigrants, not for others

It's not easy to discuss immigration these days. Nuance is out. We're pressured to pick a side—either you favor open borders, or you're anti-immigrant, right? Take it from me, the grandson of four immigrants to America, that kind of polarized, either/or mindset is nonsense.

I grew up nearly 60 years ago in a community in suburban New York City that was made up of nearly all immigrant-related families. There were Italians, Irish, Poles, East European Jews, and even a smattering of Hispanics and Africans.

Every one of them came to America legally. Many took a great deal of time and effort to do it, but they played by the rules. In fact, that's what made America so different from pretty much every one of their respective "old countries"—namely, there were rules here, and they were followed.

Today, however, that principle has broken down. It's even harder to get to America legally, and a huge number of people seem to have said, "The heck with the rules, we're just going to America on our own terms."

This has to stop.

It doesn't matter whether it's the activist group People Without Borders, or a family who wants a better life than is currently available to them in the "old country."

The rampant and flagrant rule-breaking has to stop. And it appears that President Donald Trump is determined to do just that.

Sure, the same pundits who went crazy when he first proposed a wall on the southern border now rail against him for being a failure because he has not achieved that border wall (yet).

But beyond the political theater and tweets, when one considers what Trump has actually done, there is a surprise: The wall may not be there, but neither is the welcome mat to illegal immigrants that President Barack Obama had put out. That's progress.

Mind you, the welcome mat for immigrants is certainly still out, but the one for illegal immigrants is gone.

The recent actions the administration has taken are transforming Trump's campaign promises into policy. For example, the absurd "catch and release" policy that essentially forces law enforcement to ignore the breaking of federal immigration statutes? It's been cancelled.

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If you get caught, you are no longer getting a hall pass to stay in America until you get a hearing you don't attend.

Trump is also shoring up our overworked Border Patrol agents with National Guard troops at the border (as both of his predecessors did). This will both free up more agents to apprehend illegal immigrants, and provide them with better intelligence and surveillance, logistics, and overall coverage of the border.

In short, fewer people will be getting into the U.S. illegally, and everyone that is caught will go back.

The administration is also ramping up internal enforcement. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is going after the lawbreakers who already reside in the U.S., starting with those who have (regularly) committed additional crimes against American citizens.

The pressure against the so-called "sanctuary" movement, which prohibits local or state law enforcement agencies from cooperating with ICE, is being increased.

This pressure is not just coming from the feds. Municipalities that are tired of putting illegal immigrants before citizens are rebelling against state governments like California's. Mayors of sanctuary cities across the nation are being challenged in the same way.

Lastly, the president has slammed the door on a deal on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. He previously offered an enormously "wide" path to legal citizenship for more "Dreamers" than Congress had even requested, if Congress would only aid him in securing our border.

Congress said "no," so now he has switched gears. The major motivation for young people to get here has been withdrawn. The political games are over. The Dreamers were sold out by those who claimed to support them.

Taken together, these steps by the president make it clear that the promise of the Statue of Liberty is still in place—but those who sought to pervert it into an open door to those who see no true investment in the collective American dream are wrong.

The welcome mat is there for legal immigrants. But for those trying to force their way in, the door is being shut.

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Read, white, and blue

A common and curmudgeonly lament is that nothing is made in the USA anymore. One of my friends challenged me to find a product that's made in the USA and that is, furthermore, wholesome, affordable, worth recommending, and not too much trouble to obtain on Saipan.

I was mulling this during a post-travel wind-down. As I cleaned up some of my travel gear I noticed one common element in all of my pieces of luggage. They all had paperback books from the Dover Thrift Edition line. This line comes from Dover Publications in New York.

Hey, that's my made-in-the-USA product.

Well, I think so, at least. I called Dover Publications to verify that the Thrift editions are all printed in the USA. The question has not been answered by press time, though, so maybe I declared victory too early in my made-in-USA challenge.

Or, maybe I didn't. For now, I'll give myself the benefit of the doubt. Let's proceed:

One thing that's easy to nail down is the price of these books. They're very inexpensive. Many of the books I've got are \$3 or \$4. There are, in fact, many good titles selling for under \$2 at certain websites. Incredible but true.

Most, if not all, of these books are older works that have fallen out of copyright and are, hence, in the public domain. On that note, you can often get such fare, for free, from websites such as Project Gutenberg (Gutenberg.org). That project is a great undertaking, and so much the better than many people like to read stuff on their computer screens.

NMI oversight issues

At a recent Senate Energy Committee meeting the NMI came under fire for overlooking what members call "oversight" issues. It pertains to matters vital to building strong self-government.

It included predatory hiring and violation of laws. The first was spread out in a Bloomberg story—an interview with jobless Chinese workers—brought in with the promise of jobs. Between 300 and 500 came in and couldn't figure out who their employer was. Most had to be returned home. U.S. Labor came in and fined four firms here some \$14 million for violations of law.

Then came the Reprisk report recapping poor employment conditions; occupational health and safety issues; human rights abuses and corporate complicity; and supply chain issues as their top environmental, social, and governance issues, also known as ESG issues.

This week a local group is protesting against too many Chinese workers that denied them employment opportunities to bring home the bacon, so to speak. I salute their efforts to bring attention to unnecessary displacement from job opportunities right here at home!

Also learned that the FBI has begun investigating IPI (Best Sunshine) revealed through a memo to all its employees per a KSPN news story. I encourage the feds to ram it to the hilt to slam the brakes of alleged money laundering and other schemes to ruin and displace the role of governance here. Your intervention gives us hope that our government is factually a government of laws!

Moreover, it goes to show that the NMI needs to work on the competency of its managers and employees. The idea of political hire is fine but it has become the perfect pathway to avoid educating and training our very own. More skills acquisition is a must to grant our local workforce real know-how on the job!

As the NMI seeks extension of the visa or CW program, which sunsets next year, an AP story says the issue has met skids in

My eyeballs still prefer ink-on-paper. However, my efforts to convert electronic downloads into printed books are akin to refining gasoline from a stray pool of oil; possible in theory, I guess, but not very efficient in practice. I'll let the publishers publish so I can be a reader that reads. This keeps things easy.

I'm going to pick 10 tomes off the fiction side of my shelf to give you a sampling of some authors in the Dover Thrift line:

- Joseph Conrad
- Fyodor Dostoevsky
- Franz Kafka
- Rudyard Kipling
- Sinclair Lewis
- Edgar Allan Poe
- Robert Louis Stevenson
- Jonathan Swift
- Voltaire
- Oscar Wilde

Now that I've listed those names, it occurs to me that only two of them are American. Many CNMI readers will note that Conrad (Polish), Kipling (born in India when it was British-ruled) and Stevenson (Scottish) are very much part of tropical lore. Stevenson, in fact, is buried in Samoa.

Books by these writers are often great traveling material, which is why I have the inexpensive editions stashed in the nooks and crannies of my travel gear.

Incidentally, the non-fiction end of the Dover Thrift Edition line is remarkably well-populated, and has titles ranging back to

Congress. This setback is based on the \$14 million fined foreign firms by the U.S. Department of Labor. I think the issues raised point to our inadequacies fulfilling our end of responsibility in, yes, self-government.

Babauta-Sablan: Former governor Juan N. Babauta and Rita DLG. Sablan have declared their candidacy for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively. The tandem's announcement grants voters an option to ruffle up issues with a fine-toothed comb before November.

Babauta has wide experience in government, having worked between here and Washington. He's ready to reset the pathway for the islands to boost the local economy beyond the single-engine tourism industry. He wants to strengthen local self-government over a federal takeover because of our inadequacies. He said it can be done!

Preliminarily, the heavy plus side to this tandem is the emergence of a woman for the second seat—the first ever in NMI politics. Sablan is a former commissioner of education and has had the time to engage parents and villagers alike in PTA meetings.

She's been able to connect with the simple folks at home, speaking their lingo. It's a powerful asset that can't be discounted, given that the educational estate embraces the entire archipelago. The team would have a greater chance establishing and cementing village networks all over.

Review: Former speaker Oscar C. Rasa was among invited guests this week in a meeting with officials and the new political status commission.

Grateful to see that he generously shared his superb academic credentials and professional experience in governmental affairs. I've deferred to his vision, wisdom and analytical acuity on cur-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Yes to extension, but with conditions

There is legitimate public concern about Imperial Pacific's request for an extension and there is growing consensus that an extension is necessary for the company and for the CNMI, provided the public interest is adequately safeguarded with targeted conditions.

An extension should be granted for a period up to 24 months, backed by corporate submissions and reviewed by independent third-parties, that justify this length of time. In addition, the Casino Commission should, as a condition, require that IPI obtain a bond with a U.S. registered bonding company to ensure full completion of the project—a standard requirement of most construction contracts with the CNMI government.

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ancient wisdom from China, Greece, Rome, and India.

In normal, pedestrian life, I seldom see people with books. I wonder what the future holds for publishers. The allure of the electronic screen is an obvious factor, but I think that it's linked to a secondary factor, which is the broader waning of self-directed attention. To read the average book from start to finish doesn't sound like much of an accomplishment, but it's not a skill I'd take for broad-based granted in the future.

Although I like the notion of posh, leather-bound books that are neatly arrayed on fancy shelving, I'm mostly a window shopper on that note. If libraries wore clothes, mine would be in faded jeans instead of a coat and tie.

There are many people in the CNMI who aren't sitting on flush bank accounts, and the cost of products on the islands can be high. Money, or the lack of it, is an obstacle to many things, but fortunately it doesn't have to stand in the way of good reading.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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rent issues. He's given well-read answers on matters where I needed fair review and clarity before taking a position. Where we differ we part in respectful fashion. It's always a pleasure engaging his educated views and intellectual acuity that come from a fully rounded training in education.

We are in agreement with Delegate Kilili taking a position on the violation of citizens' rights under the flag. Could geography trump a citizen's rights? Why a non-voting delegate when the issue is representation of citizens?

Understood that representation is limited under the U.S. Constitution to the 50 states. But isn't it time the intent of the founding fathers to render justice to all citizens is met full measure? Isn't it time that this arcane provision be amended so it is inclusive of all citizens?

Finally, the NMI came under the flag when it surrendered sovereignty under Covenant Section 101. With a functioning intellect one would ensure solid tethering to basic documents. Otherwise, it would be failed construct from A to Z.

Further conditions should be developed to ensure, through an independent monitor, that illegal hiring practices and OSHA violations are not tolerated so the CNMI's CW program is not jeopardized by bad practices and the national and international media coverage that follows.

It would be worthwhile for the Casino Commission or the Office of the Governor to retain an independent and highly qualified contractor to ascertain the building's safety and evaluate the corporation's financial capability to complete the project within the 24-month period.

Most people support IPI's request for an extension with conditions. However, it remains vital to protect to the CNMI's interests even as we help IPI by providing an extension to complete this phase of the project. The Casino Commission has the responsibility to conduct a high level of due diligence to ensure that the CNMI's interests are properly safeguarded.

Juan S. "Santiago" Tenorio

Airport Road Dandan

PAUL

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President Donald Trump made a tough job tougher. Ryan said he isn't leaving out of fear the Republicans will lose control of the House in November, but such worries seem unavoidable.

We don't know what Ryan plans next. In 2012 he was Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's running mate. In 2016, when Republicans braced for the possibility of a deadlocked convention, we rooted for an alternative to Trump and suggested Ryan. That doesn't mean he should run for president, or that he would earn a Tribune endorsement.

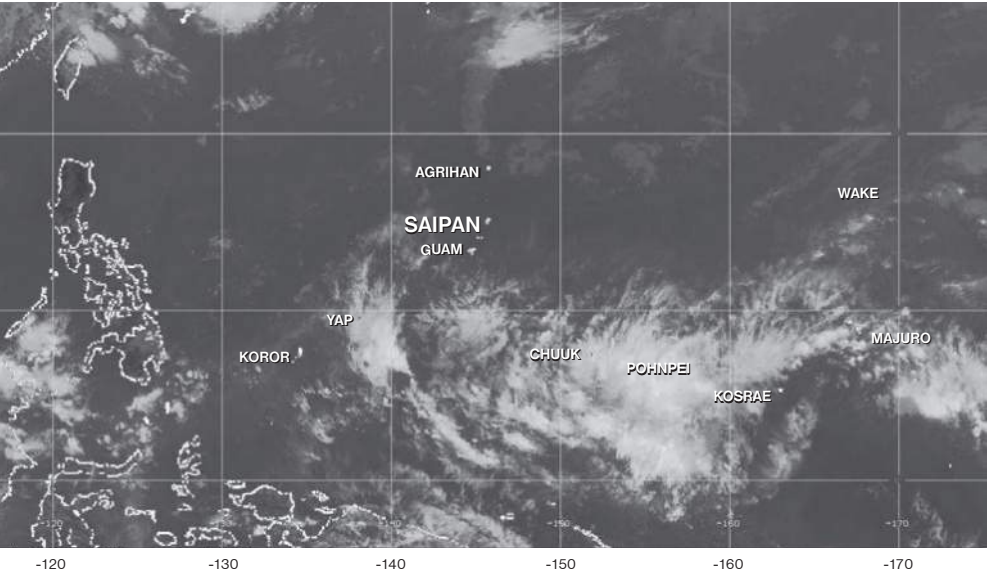
But there should always be a prominent role in politics for principled budget-minders. That is Ryan's congressional legacy.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:40 AM, THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The weather looks relatively quiet and dry through Saturday as the trade wind pattern continues. However, guidance continues to suggest that change could be arriving Saturday night. An area of trade-wind convergence will develop showers mainly to the south of Guam. The models show some of this rain moves northward and into the Marianas Saturday night into early Monday. Just how far north and how heavy this shower activity can be, will remains to be seen. There is a possibility that a portion of this period will see scattered showers, but still difficult to pin down the time as the guidance differs. Guidance also suggest at least some chance of thunder as well. So, for now did not make any changes. It does look like less cloudiness by Tuesday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▲ ▼ °F		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▲ ▼ °F		
Auckland	Thunderstorm	70° / 61°
Beijing	Windy	64° / 41°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	82° / 70°
Honolulu	Thunderstorm	81° / 73°
London	Cloudy	63° / 46°
Los Angeles	Sunny	78° / 56°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	93° / 77°
Melbourne	Rain	64° / 54°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	79° / 75°
New York	Partly Cloudy	70° / 57°
Osaka	Rain	68° / 61°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	64° / 50°
Busan	Rain	63° / 46°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	81° / 60°
San Francisco	Sunny	62° / 50°
Seoul	Rain	54° / 41°
Tokyo	Showers	63° / 61°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	84° / 62°



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12:29 PM	LOW TIDE	0.70
5:59 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.72
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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:31 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:31 PM
Monday	6:02 AM	6:31 PM
Tuesday	6:01 AM	6:31 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	4:02 AM	4:05 PM	-
Saturday	4:43 AM	4:57 PM	-
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Tuesday	6:52 AM	7:41 PM	-

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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
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DL297	4:20pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN TO ROTA				1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
ROTA TO GUAM				FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
				2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
				2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Charter Day to showcase music, magic, and more



Bernice Sabino

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Donato Santiago



Goddhy Taitingfong



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Nathan Ada



Neil Fama



Travis Kaliga

Tonight's talent competition at the Northern Marianas College Charter Day celebration will include magicians, singers, musicians, rappers, dancers, and other talents.

This year's finalists for the Proa Factor talent competition include Juliet Inocencio, John Benig, Donato Santiago, Nathan Ada, Bernice Sabino, Neil Fama, Travis Kaliga, and Goddhy Taitingfong.

The finalists, who were selected from a highly competitive audition last week, will be vying for the top prize in front of the Charter Day audience.

The competitors range in age, talent, and background. Some of the competitors re-auditioned this year for a second shot at being named NMC Charter Day's Proa Factor champion.

Returning finalists include Taitingfong and Fama, both of whom are popular performers in the CNMI.

Fama, a young illusionist and former Proa Factor finalist, has made a name for himself as the CNMI Got Talent 2017 champion. In about a year, Fama has made illusions part of his profession and performs at various venues on island, including

Chambre Bar at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Taitingfong has also made a name for himself as a popular rapper on Saipan and has appeared in one of Docomo Pacific's promotional music videos.

These finalists will be performing their individual talents which range from singing, and dancing, to rapping and illusions. They are all competing to be named the 2018 Proa Factor champion and to win prizes provided by NMC's Charter Day sponsors.

The Charter Day festivities will kick off at 4pm and will continue until 10pm at the NMC south field in As Terlaje on Friday, April 13, 2018. The event will feature various entertainment, activities, and competitions. Numerous vendors will also be selling food and drinks, as well as hosting game booths.

For more information about Proa Factor or Charter Day visit www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

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NOTICE TO ALL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS IN SAIPAN, TINIAN, & ROTA

Pursuant to the recent amendments to NMIAC § 15-10, the Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations, the Director of the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be reissuing new Area of Particular Concern (APC) permits to all commercial marine sports operations on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The purpose for reissuing marine sports permits is to ensure such permits reflect updated terms and conditions and comply with the current requirements of NMIAC-10-205(h)(4). DCRM hereby advises all marine sports operators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to reapply by submitting a new CRM APC permit application to DCRM on or before May 30, 2018. Any marine sports permit issued from previous years will no longer be valid effective May 31, 2018.

Work presses ahead for the opening of Guma' Hustisia

On Monday, April 9, 2018, in a meeting held at the lieutenant governor's conference room, the leaders of the three CNMI government branches met to continue talks to move toward the re-opening of the Guma' Hustisia building.

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, other members of the Judiciary, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios, and House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan gathered with staffers to address the air-conditioning and mold remediation issues that have forced the closure of the Guma' Hustisia to the public.

Short-term measures to address potential health and safety concerns, the failing air system, and necessary mold remediation were the initial topics discussed. Short-term measures are necessary as the failing system cannot effectively maintain the building and may, at any time, irreparably shut down. Installation of peripheral units will assist in maintaining air circulation and appropriate and consistent temperature and humidity levels. This short-term measure would also meet the goal of allowing certain offices to operate out of the Guma' Hustisia

to provide public services.

The health and safety of the public and court employees remains a priority, and specialized mold assessment and remediation work will need to begin prior to opening the Guma' Hustisia to the public.

A project to provide an assessment for mold remediation and eradication design, funded through Capital Improvement Project funding administered by the Office of the Governor, was ongoing prior to the failure of the Guma' Hustisia's air-conditioning system on March 15, 2018.

In addition, the Judiciary has made continuous efforts throughout the past fiscal years to mitigate mold. Those efforts include the installation of dehumidifiers and removing affected carpets, furniture, fixtures, and other items throughout the building.

The leaders discussed funding, both the short-term measures and long-term solutions, which are installation of a new system and extensive remediation.

Torres and Hocog indicated that they would meet with their finance and budget professionals to determine availability of funds to immediately accomplish the short-

term measures and to plan for the funding of the long-term solutions to replace the air-conditioning system and fully restore the Guma' Hustisia.

Palacios and Demapan assured the Judiciary that the Senate and House are ready to assist with addressing legislation to fund the measures to enable the Guma' Hustisia to re-open.

Although the Guma' Hustisia has remained closed to the public since March 16, 2018, the Judiciary continues to move forward with court matters and provide services to the public at alternate locations: the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Department of Public Safety training room, and the Office of Adult Probation and Supervision satellite office behind the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The Judiciary has information posted on the front door of the Guma' Hustisia regarding the location of these services.

Court schedule and notices are also posted on the Judiciary website (www.justice.gov.mp), Facebook (CNMI Judiciary), and Instagram (@cnmijudiciary). (PR)



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AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: CPA-RFP-005-18

Wifi Service Design, Configuration, Installation, and Maintenance

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is seeking proposals from experienced and qualified Parties (hereinafter "Proposers") to design, configure, install, and maintain wireless internet service ("WIFI service") at CPA facilities on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning **April 02, 2018, at 8:00 AM** at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of \$50.00 per package. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting shall be held on **April 09, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the CPA Conference Room, 2nd Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. Proposers who are not familiar with the Saipan International Airport shall be afforded a site visit immediately after the pre-proposal meeting. Subsequent site inspections on Rota and Tinian will be determined during the preproposal meeting. Proposers shall be responsible for arrangements and all associated cost for the subsequent site inspections on Tinian and Rota.

Proposers must submit one original and three copies of their written proposal in sealed envelopes addressed to the Executive Director, Re: "WIFI Service at CPA Facilities on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Project No. CPA-RFP-005-18," P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, which shall be received by the CPA Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport by or before **4:30 p.m., May 04, 2018**. Written proposals delivered after said time and date will not be accepted.

The proposal will be evaluated by an evaluation committee. Proposals shall be restricted to the members of the evaluation committee until after the completion of the evaluation and ranking of proposals. Following completion of the evaluation and establishment of the preference ranking based on the evaluation criteria, award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to CPA taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP and applied in the evaluation plan. Proposals may be prepared and opened for public inspection after award.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to cancel this request for proposal in accordance with CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations, to lengthen the proposal period, and to waive minor irregularities in proposals. Discussion may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to insure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. However, proposals may also be evaluated solely on the submitted written proposal without follow up or further discussion. All Proposers must agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal and proposal package.

Nothing herein constitutes or implies a contract to enter into, accept or agree to any terms, conditions or rates, or to allow or promote any activity and in no way encumbers or obligates the CPA to enter into a contract of any kind with any Proposer.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR

AIRPORT GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (AGIS) SURVEY SERVICES
BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-18 (AIP Pending)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Airports Geographical Information Systems (AGIS) Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, April 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Capability to perform all or most aspects of the services with a minimum of three (3) years' experience with AGIS and Airport Improvement Programs. **(WEIGHT 30)**
2. Ability to implement an AGIS Obstruction Survey and Airport Airspace Analysis. **(WEIGHT 20)**
3. Key personnel's professional background and successful relevant experience in AGIS projects comparable to the proposed services. **(WEIGHT 20)**
4. Demonstrated ability to meet AGIS standards, NGS requirements, and Airport Master Plan standards. **(WEIGHT 10)**
5. Ability to complete services within schedule without having major extensions, cost escalations, overruns, or disputed claims; **(WEIGHT 10)**
6. Quality of projects previously undertaken that are comparable to proposed services. **(WEIGHT 10)**

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf format of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m., MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: April 3, 2018

Business

Zuckerberg: Regulation ‘inevitable’ for social media firms

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg acknowledged that regulation of social media companies is “inevitable” and disclosed that his own personal information has been compromised by malicious outsiders. But after two days of congressional testimony, what seemed clear was how little Congress seems to know about Facebook, much less what to do about it.

House lawmakers aggressively questioned Zuckerberg Wednesday on user data, privacy settings and whether the company is biased against conservatives. As they did in the Senate a day earlier, both Republicans and Democrats suggested that regulation might be needed, but there was no consensus and few specifics about what that might look like—or even what the biggest problems are.

New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone, the top Democrat on the panel and a 30-year veteran of the House, said at the beginning of the hearing that he plans to work on legislation but is pessimistic that Congress will pass anything.

“I’ve just seen it over and over again—that we have the hearings, and nothing happens,” he said.

For Zuckerberg, who often found himself explaining what his company does in rudimentary terms to lawmakers

ers twice his age, the hearings could be considered a win: Facebook shares rose more than 1 percent after climbing 4.5 percent on Monday. And his company regained more than \$25 billion in market value that is had lost since it was revealed in March that Cambridge Analytica, a data-mining firm affiliated with Donald Trump’s presidential campaign, gathered personal information from 87 million users to try to influence elections.

Still, Facebook’s stock remains 10 percent below where it stood before the scandal, a decline that has wiped out about \$50 billion in shareholder wealth.

Zuckerberg agreed to the hearings as pressure mounted over the Cambridge Analytica scandal and the company’s

own admission last year that it had been compromised by Russians trying to influence the 2016 election. Earlier this year, special counsel Robert Mueller charged 13 Russian individuals and three Russian companies in a plot to interfere in the 2016 presidential election through a social media propaganda effort that included online ad purchases using U.S. aliases and politicking on U.S. soil. A number of the Russian ads were on Facebook.

Zuckerberg told the Senate on Tuesday that the company has been working with Mueller in his Russia probe and apologized over and over again for the company’s handling of data privacy.

“I started Facebook, I run it, and I’m responsible for what happens here,” he said.

Plan would allow drug testing for some food stamp recipients

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration is considering a plan that would allow states to require certain food stamp recipients to undergo drug testing, handing a win to conservatives who’ve long sought ways to curb the safety net program.

The proposal under review would be narrowly targeted, applying mostly to people who are able-bodied, without dependents and applying for some specialized jobs, according to an administration official briefed on the plan. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, said roughly 5 percent of participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program could be affected.

The drug testing proposal is another step in the Trump administration’s push to allow states more flexibility in how they implement federal programs that serve the poor, unemployed or uninsured. It also wants to allow states to tighten work requirements for food stamp recipients and has found support among GOP governors who argue greater state control saves money and reduces dependency.

Internal emails obtained by The Associated Press indicated that Agriculture Department officials in February were awaiting word from the White House about the timing of a possible drug testing announcement.

“I think we just have to be ready because my guess is we may get an hour’s notice instead of a day’s notice,” wrote Jessica Shahin, associate administrator of SNAP.

Conservative policymakers have pushed for years to tie food assistance programs to drug testing.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, sued the USDA in 2015 for blocking the state from drug testing adults applying for food stamps.

A federal judge tossed the suit in 2016, but Walker renewed his request for permission later that year, after Donald Trump had won the presidency but before he took office.

“We turned that down,” said former USDA Food and Nutrition Service Undersecretary Kevin Concannon, who served in the position under the Obama administration from 2009 until January of last year. “It’s costly and cumbersome.”

The proposal is not expected to be included in a GOP-written farm bill expected to be released as soon as early this week, a GOP aide said.


Federal law bars states from imposing their own conditions on food stamp eligibility.

Still, some states have tried to implement some form of drug testing for the food assistance program, so far with little success.

Judges have blocked similar efforts in other states. In Florida in 2014, a federal appeals court upheld a lower court’s ruling that drug testing SNAP recipients is unconstitutional.


But at least 20 states have introduced legislation to screen safety net program participants in some capacity, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In December, Walker began moving ahead with a workaround, drug testing participants in the state’s Employment and Training Program who also received food stamps.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of April 13, 2018

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Phoenix Services, Inc.	3/15/2018 SPILR-2018-X-048	Underwater Waterline Installation, Connection & Use	Between Delta Dock & Charlie Dock in Puerto Rico	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 3/29/2018
2. Thank You Saipan Corporation	3/28/2018 SLR-2018-X-054	Marine Sports Boating & Helmet Diving	Saipan & Managaha	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 3/29/2018
3. World Corporation dba Saipan World Resort	3/22/2018 SMS-2004-X-121	2nd Floor Hotel Expansion	Susupe	Major Siting Amendment 2018-1	Approved 4/5/2018
4. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy's II Marine	4/5/2018 SLRm-2013-X-026	Marine Sports Parasailing	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 4/10/2018
5. H2M Saipan Corporation dba H2M Saipan Dive Center	4/3/2018 SLR-2018-X-055	Marine Sports SCUBA	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 4/4/2018
6. Saipan Marine Dive Co., Ltd. dba Saipan Marine Dive	4/4/2018 SLRm-2008-X-024	Marine Sports SCUBA	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 4/6/2018
7. Asia Pacific Inc. dba Asia Marine Sports	4/4/2018 SLRm-2010-X-013	Marine Sports Managaha Transfer	North of Grand Vrio Resort	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
8. Pelley Enterprises, Inc.	4/5/2018 SPI-2018-X-056	Drydock MV Puti'On Saipan	South Sea Plane Ramp, Lower Base	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 4/10/2018
9. Tribe Marianas	4/6/2018 SSm-2018-X-057	2nd Annual Electric Island Festival	Fishing Base, Garapan	Shoreline	Under Review*
10. BSEA, Inc. dba BSEA Sunsports	4/11/2018 SLRm-03-X-47	Marine Sports Banana Boat	Tanapag Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
11. BSEA, Inc. dba BSEA Sunsports	4/11/2018 SLRm-93-X-106	Marine Sports Parasailing	Tanapag Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
12. The Rose Empire Corp. dba Flyboy Water Sports	4/12/2018 SLR-2018-X-058	Marine Sports Sea Walker	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
13. The Rose Empire Corp. dba Flyboy Water Sports	4/12/2018 SLR-2018-X-059	Marine Sports SCUBA	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
14. Big Eye, LLC.	4/12/2018 SLRm-2016-X-009	Marine Sports SCUBA	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Nation

Judges weigh scope of Trump sanctuary cities order

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal appeals court on Wednesday scrutinized whether President Donald Trump's executive order to withhold funding from so-called "sanctuary cities" threatened hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding to two California counties or potentially less than a million dollars as the administration claims.

Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sidney Thomas asked what the court was to make of statements by Trump and his administration that the president wants to withhold money from sanctuary cities. Thomas and two other appellate judges—Ronald Gould and Ferdinand Fernandez—will decide whether a lower court judge was right to permanently block the executive order. They did not immediately rule.

Thomas also questioned whether the order would be constitutional if it applied to all types of funding as a lower court judge found.

U.S. Department of Justice attorney Chad Readler said the order was much narrower, noting that it referred specifically to the DOJ and U.S. Department of Homeland Security and not to other cabinet agencies that oversee transportation, Medicaid, or other funds. Readler has previously said the order applied to only three Justice Department and Homeland Security grants that would affect less than \$1 million for Santa Clara and possibly no



money for San Francisco—the two counties that sued to block it.

He said the judges should not focus on comments by the president or other administration officials.

"The order has to be judged by its terms and not by public statements," he said.

U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick said in November the order threatened all federal funding and the president did not have the authority to attach new conditions to spending approved by

Congress.

He cited comments by Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions as evidence of the order's scope and said the president himself had called it a "weapon" to use against recalcitrant cities.

Danielle Goldstein, an attorney for Santa Clara County, also referenced the president's use of the term "weapon" at Wednesday's hearing, saying he was very clear that the order was a "weapon to end sanctuary jurisdictions."

"This executive order

claims powers that the president doesn't have in an unconstitutional effort to coerce cities into changing their sanctuary policies," Christine Van Aken, an attorney with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, said.

The DOJ also says Orrick should have limited his injunction to Santa Clara and San Francisco instead of applying it nationwide.

Gould asked Van Aken why San Francisco needed a nationwide injunction.

Van Aken said the city at a

minimum needed an injunction that applied to California,

AP
In this May 18, 2006, photo, Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff, second from right, watched as a U.S. Border Patrol rescue team demonstrates a rescue operation during a visit to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

but she said the order affected the entire nation.

The executive order is part of a push by the administration to crack down on "sanctuary jurisdictions"—a loosely defined term for places that don't comply with immigration authorities. The administration has sued California over three laws aimed at protecting immigrants in the country illegally. It has also moved to block a key public safety grant from sanctuary cities and states.

The Trump administration says sanctuary jurisdictions allow dangerous criminals back on the street. San Francisco and other so-called sanctuary cities say turning local police into immigration officers erodes the trust needed to get people to report crime.

McCarthy, Scalise are likely contenders for House speaker

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some say it's a fight between West and South. Or a battle for President Donald Trump's affections. Or a test of who can woo conservatives.

But one thing is clear: If the showdown between California Rep. Kevin McCarthy and Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise for House speaker is a popularity contest, it will be tight.

"Steve is the more low-key guy, Kevin is more the big handshake, but they're equally popular," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y. "It's not like right versus left or a good guy versus a bad guy."

House Speaker Paul Ryan told colleagues Wednesday he wouldn't seek re-election in November, implicitly starting the race to replace him. Disconcertingly for the GOP, Trump's unpopularity and early Democratic momentum leave it unclear whether Ryan's replacement will be speaker or minority leader.

For now, McCarthy and Scalise are seen as the chief contenders.

McCarthy, 53, an affable California who has developed a rapport with Trump, is from a Central Valley district. He was elected in 2006 and rocketed into a leadership job in 2009, thanks to his campaigning for fellow Re-

publicans. He replaced Eric Cantor as majority leader in 2014 after the Virginian unexpectedly lost a primary for his House seat and quit.

In 2015, McCarthy sought to succeed Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who'd alienated conservatives who considered him insufficiently doctrinaire. McCarthy abruptly left that contest days later after failing to line up enough votes, and Ryan accepted the post.

Scalise, 52, the House GOP vote counter first elected a decade ago, had little national name recognition when tragedy thrust him into headlines. He was shot at a congressional baseball practice last year and has slowly come back from his injuries.

The former state legislator and Louisiana conservative has earned the respect of his fellow lawmakers.

"The strength he's shown with his injury, I think, has heightened where he is" among colleagues, said Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn.

Lawmakers and GOP donors want a leader who can raise money, and there McCarthy has an advantage. His leadership political committee has reported contributing more than triple that of Scalise's total to GOP candidates since January 2017.

California joins Guard border mission, shuns Trump's message

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California Gov. Jerry Brown accepted President Donald Trump's call to send the National Guard to the Mexican border, but rejected the White House's portrait of a burgeoning border crisis and insisted that his troops will have nothing to do with immigration enforcement.

The Democratic governor broke a week of silence Wednesday by agreeing to contribute 400 troops, though not all will be on the border. Brown's commitment brought pledges from the four states that border Mexico just shy of the low end of the president's target to marshal 2,000 to 4,000 troops.

Brown cast his decision as a welcome infusion of federal support to fight transnational criminal gangs and drug and firearms smugglers.

"Combating these criminal threats are priorities for all Americans—Republicans and

Democrats," Brown wrote in a letter to Defense Secretary James Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

Federal law, notably the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, sharply limits military involvement in civilian law enforcement, creating a supporting role for the Guard. The Pentagon said last week that troops won't perform law enforcement functions or interact with people detained by border authorities without its approval.

Brown released a proposed agreement with the federal government that emphasizes the widely shared understanding of the Guard's limited role but explicitly bans any support of immigration enforcement. It says troops cannot guard anyone in custody for immigration violations or participate in construction of border barriers.

The White House praised Brown's decision without ad-

ressing his comments on immigration enforcement.

"We're also glad to see California Gov. Jerry Brown work with the administration and send members of the National Guard to help secure the southern border," White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

Reaction in California was limited, with few of Brown's allies or opponents weighing in.

State Sen. Kevin de Leon, a Democratic U.S. Senate candidate and author of California's so-called sanctuary state law, said Guard deployment was unnecessary and not a good use of resources. But he said more can be done to combat border crime and that he appreciated Brown's design of "a clear and limited mission focused on real public safety threats."

"I am confident Governor Brown will not use our National Guard to harass or

tear apart immigrant families in California," he said in a statement.

Rob Stutzman, who advised former Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, praised the decision on Twitter, calling Brown's decision to accept money for using the Guard to fight drugs and human trafficking "good government."

Immigration advocacy groups were generally quiet, although some were skeptical.

Pedro Rios, director for the American Friends Service Committee's U.S.-Mexico border program in San Diego, questioned why Brown would send troops while rejecting Trump's premise that they are needed to help stop illegal immigration.

"If he's in disagreement with Donald Trump about the justifications for having the National Guard on the border, then why would he accept it?" he said.

Asia

US carrier sails in disputed sea as China shows own force

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, South China Sea (AP)—As fighter jets streaked overhead, a U.S. aircraft carrier sailed through the South China Sea on Tuesday in the latest display of America’s military might after China built a string of islands with military facilities to assert its claims in the strategic waters, sparking regional alarm.

The U.S. Navy flew a small group of Philippine generals, officials and jour-

nalists to the USS Theodore Roosevelt, where fighter jets landed and took off by catapult with thunderous blasts. The nuclear-powered carrier, and its 65 supersonic F18 jets, spy planes and helicopters, was en route to Manila.

Recent U.S. deployments of aircraft carriers, backed by destroyers, to perform freedom of navigation exercises to Beijing’s territorial claims are reassuring allies but also prompting concerns with China’s own show of force

in the busy waterway.

“It’s a showcase of the capability of the U.S. armed forces not only by sea but also by air,” Philippine army Lt. Gen. Rolando Bautista said after joining a tour of the 97,000-ton carrier.

“The Americans are our friends. In one way or another, they can help us to deter any threat,” Bautista said, adding that the American military presence helps secure vulnerable Philippine waters.

At least twice this year, the

U.S. Navy has deployed destroyers in freedom of navigation sail-bys near Chinese-occupied Scarborough Shoal, which Beijing wrestled from the Philippines in 2012, and Manila-claimed Mischief Reef, which Chinese forces occupied in 1995.

Another U.S. carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, patrolled the contested waters last month, taking part in anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea with Japanese forces and visiting Vietnam with its 5,000-strong crew, the largest such U.S. military presence there since the Vietnam War ended in 1975.

China has protested those moves, calling it U.S. meddling in an Asian conflict, and

renewed warnings to Washington to stay away. Beijing has also reportedly been holding large-scale naval exercises in the area featuring its only operating aircraft carrier, while its air force says it recently sent some of its most advanced fighters and bombers for “joint combat patrols” over the sea.

Those included H-6K long-range strategic bombers that carry DH-20 long-range land-attack cruise missiles, giving them the ability to hit targets as far away as Australia, along with Russian-made Su-35 fighters.

“What we see now is a show of force and a counter show of force in the South China Sea,” said Roilo

Golez, a former Philippine national security adviser and congressman.

While the moves could increase the risks of miscalculation and accidental clashes, Washington’s superior naval power could serve as deterrence to Chinese aggression, Golez said.

The Philippine ambassador to Beijing, Chito Sta. Romana, recently warned that the risks of a miscalculation and armed conflict have risen in the disputed region with a militarily stronger China now able to challenge the U.S.

Sta. Romana compared the two powers to elephants fighting and trampling on the grass and said, “What we don’t want is for us to be the grass.”

Rohingya in camp tell Myanmar official they survived attacks

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A Myanmar Cabinet minister on Wednesday visited a sprawling refugee camp in Bangladesh for Rohingya Muslims, who described the violence that forced them to flee Myanmar and presented a list of demands for their repatriation.

Social Welfare Minister Win Myat Aye met with about 40 Rohingya refugees at the Kutupalong camp in Cox’s Bazar for more than an hour, sometimes exchanging heated words.

A Rohingya leader, Abdur Rahim, said at least eight rape victims were among those who met with Win Myat Aye. Rahim said the group presented 13 demands for the government to meet for their return to Myanmar.

About 700,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled army-led violence in Buddhist-majority Myanmar since last August and are living in crowded

refugee camps in Bangladesh. The two countries agreed in December to begin repatriating them in January, but they were delayed by concerns among aid workers and Rohingya that they would be forced to return and face unsafe conditions in Myanmar.

Hundreds of Rohingya were reportedly killed in the recent violence, and many houses and villages were burned to the ground. The United Nations and the U.S. have described the army crackdown as “ethnic cleansing.”

Bangladesh has given Myanmar a list of more than 8,000 refugees to begin the repatriation, but it has been further delayed by a complicated verification process.

Win Myat Aye did not specify a timeframe for the repatriation but said it should begin as soon as possible.

Rahim said the group be-

came angry when Win Myat Aye said the Rohingya refugees must accept national verification cards to be provided by Myanmar in which they state they are migrants from Bangladesh.

“We protested,” he said. “We have told him it is not acceptable, we belong to Burma (Myanmar),” he told The Associated Press by phone.

Rohingya Muslims have long been treated as outsiders in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, even though their families have lived in the country for generations. Nearly all have been denied citizenship since 1982, effectively rendering them stateless. They are denied freedom of movement and other basic rights.

Rahim said they demanded to be recognized as citizens of Myanmar before the repatriation starts and that their security arrangements be supervised by the United Nations.

China denies Xi comments aimed at settling US dispute

BEIJING (AP)—China’s government on Thursday denied President Xi Jinping’s promise of market-opening measures this week was aimed at settling a tariff dispute with Washington and said negotiations are impossible under “unilateral coercion” by the United States.

A commerce ministry spokesman, Gao Feng, complained U.S. President Donald Trump’s government has “shown no sincerity,” according to the official Xinhua News Agency. Gao said the two sides have yet to start negotiations.

Gao repeated complaints that Trump acted improperly when he responded to Bei-

jing’s protest over his plan to raise tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese goods by saying he might add another \$100 billion of imports to the list.

“Under unilateral coercion, it is impossible for the Chinese side to conduct any negotiations,” Gao was paraphrased as saying.

Trump’s proposed tariff hike is a response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology. China has responded with its own \$50 billion list of U.S. goods for retaliation if Washington goes ahead with the increase.

Gao denied Xi was making an overture to Washington

when he announced plans in a speech Tuesday to cut import duties on autos, ease restrictions on foreign ownership in China’s auto industry and make other market-opening changes.

Share prices of global automakers rose on investor hopes their China operations, while some economists said the positive tone of Xi’s comments might provide a basis for talks with Washington.

“The measures to increase opening announced by China are a major decision to open to the outside and have nothing to do with Chinese-U.S. trade frictions,” Gao was paraphrased as saying.

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By)
Shenghua Lu and)
Xiaoya Zhang)

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18-0124

NOTICE OF
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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 7, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A, before Honorable Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2018.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 30th day of April 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A, before the Honorable Judge Kim-Tenorio.

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Regular General Membership Meeting

When: Saturday, April 14, 2018
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Herman's Modern Bakery Conference Room

AGENDA

I. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
II. Review and Adoption of Agenda
III. Review and Adoption of Minutes
a. March 10, 2018 meeting
IV. Public Comments (5 Minutes per Commenter)
V. Director's Report
a. Update on Unified State Plan Submission
b. Update on Financials
c. Update on Board Training
d. Update on Operation's Manual
VI. New Business
a. Proposed Unified WIOA Partners MOU
VII. Executive Session
VIII. Next Meeting
X. Adjournment

Approved by:
/s/ Josephine DLG. Mesta
Chair

World

Gaza's hospitals taxed by wounded from Israeli fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Raed Jadallah belonged to an exclusive club—a small band of surfers who escaped the claustrophobia of blockaded Gaza by riding the waves of the Mediterranean. Now he's immobile, a metal fixation device clamped to his left leg after an Israeli bullet fractured his femur in two places.

The 25-year-old plasterer from a seaside refugee camp said he doesn't know when he'll be able to walk again, let alone surf.

"Sea and surfing are everything to me," he said on Wednesday, a day after being discharged from the hospital, his lower body covered by a blanket as he rested on a sofa at his home.

Jadallah is among 1,297 Palestinians shot and wounded by Israeli soldiers, including snipers, during the past two weeks of mass protests on the Gaza-Israel border, according to a computerized count by the Gaza Health Ministry. An additional 1,554 Gaza residents have been treated for tear gas inhalation or injuries by rubber-coated steel pellets.

Syria braces for possible US attack, calls it 'reckless'

BEIRUT (AP)—With a mix of fear and defiance, Syrians braced on Wednesday for a possible U.S. attack in retaliation to an alleged chemical assault that killed dozens over the weekend. Some stocked up on food and prepared underground shelters while others taunted the U.S. president to go through with his threats.

Activists reported that government forces vacated strategic potential targets, including air bases around the country in apparent preparation for incoming strikes.

The Foreign Ministry in Damascus denounced President Donald Trump's threat to attack the country as "reckless" and a danger to international peace and security.

The statement was the latest in a war of words raging between Washington and Moscow since Saturday's suspected chemical attack on the rebel-held town Douma, just outside Damascus, which killed more than 40 people according to activists and first responders.

The World Health Organization said about 500

In addition, 33 Palestinians have been killed during this period, including 26 in border demonstrations. The latest casualties came on Thursday, when Israel said it bombed Hamas militant targets in the Gaza Strip, killing one Palestinian and wounding another.

The Israeli military has disputed the Gaza count of wounded, saying that at most dozens were struck by Israeli fire. But it has not offered supporting evidence and did not respond to requests for comment.

The casualty figures are at the heart of an intensifying debate over the military's open-fire orders, branded as unlawful by rights groups because soldiers are permitted to use potentially lethal force against unarmed Palestinians approaching the border fence. Israel has accused Gaza's Hamas rulers of using the protests as a cover for carrying out attacks, including a possible mass breach of the border fence, and says it has a right to defend its sovereign border. It says its sharpshooters have been careful, aiming only at

"instigators" involved in attempted attacks.

The protests have been organized by Hamas, but have also been fueled by widespread despair among the territory's 2 million people. Gaza has endured more than a decade of border closures, imposed by Israel and Egypt after the Islamic militant group seized the territory in 2007, a year after winning Palestinian parliament elections.

More bloodshed on the border is likely, with organizers calling for protests to continue until mid-May and Israel saying it won't change its rules of engagement.

Already, the recent surge of patients with gunshot wounds has severely taxed Gaza's clinics and hospitals.

Gaza's health system has been buckling under years of shortages of essential medicines and equipment caused by the blockade and Hamas' power struggle with the rival Palestinian Authority, doctors say. The West Bank-based Palestinian Authority accuses Hamas of selling medicines it sends, while Hamas accuses it of delaying medicine shipments.

readied underground basements for cover.

"People say Trump is insane and he would like to carry out his threats," the woman said.

The Syrian pound lost nearly 10 percent of its value on prospects of an American attack, going from about 430 Syrian pounds to the dollar last week to 469 Wednesday.

Amid the unprecedented tension between the two former Cold War adversaries, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the Syrian government evacuated forces from a number of air bases around the country.

There was no immediate comment from Syrian officials. But Damascus allies had confirmed that precautionary measures were being taken throughout Syria.

Trump's threat of retaliatory military action prompted a slew of Russian comments warning that U.S. strikes could trigger a direct military clash between them. Trump took to Twitter on Wednesday, vowing that "smart" missiles "will be coming."

Off The Wall

Police 'arrest' lingering winter



In this April 2, 2018, file photo, a woman watches as her dog runs in a snowfall that blanketed Prospect Park in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

DEPEW, N.Y. (AP)—An upstate New York police department fed up with lingering cold weather has placed winter under arrest.

The Post-Standard reports the Depew Police Department wrote Friday in a humorous

Facebook post that it had arrested the season. Police said any more snow winter produces would be held against it in court.

The department also called for groundhog Punxsutawney Phil to turn himself in for predicting six more weeks of

winter. Police joke that they're willing to look past winter's "most recent transgressions" if it works with the department.

New York has experienced wintry weather this month and high winds that caused power outages.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Maine petting zoo is site of first reindeer birth in years

WINSLOW, Maine (AP)—A traveling Maine petting zoo says its reindeer has unexpectedly given birth to the first baby reindeer in the state in more than 20 years. Pony X-Press co-owner Ed Papsis says the reindeer is a dark brown female calf, and it was born at a farm on Easter Sunday. She's been named Mistletoe. Papsis tells the Morning Sentinel the calf's mother's name is Cocoa. Papsis said he didn't know Cocoa was pregnant. There are no wild reindeer left in Maine, and Pony X-Press has the only domesticated ones in the state. It once had the only reindeer in Maine, an 18-year-old female named Freeway that died in 2016. It now has one male and four females. Attempts to reintroduce reindeer to the wild in Maine in the past haven't succeeded.

What a delivery! Pizza driver comes to rescue in house fire

SOMERSET, Ky. (AP)—A Kentucky pizza deliveryman's customer service was on fire. Literally. Donatos Pizza driver Ralph Letner told WKYT-TV he was delivering pizza Sunday night to a Somerset mobile home park when he saw a home on fire. Letner says he ran inside, shut off the breaker and found homeowner Jesse Decker trying to put out flames. Says Letner: "I got down on my hands and knees because the smoke was everywhere, made my way back into his kitchen and got him to go out his front door." Decker

Man who fell through ex's ceiling arrested—again

SALINA, Kan. (AP)—A Kansas man who was hospitalized after sneaking into his ex-girlfriend's home and falling through the ceiling has been arrested for alleging stealing clothes from another home after leaving the hospital. The Salina Journal reports Tyler Bergkamp was arrested several hours after he walked out of Salina Regional Health Center on Tuesday. He'd been arrested last week, after authorities said he broke into his ex-girlfriend's home and hid in the attic for a couple hours before falling through the ceiling. On Tuesday, a woman reported finding a hospital gown on her bed and noticing her clothing had been disturbed. Salina police say they'd received a medical-emergency call about Bergkamp and later found him wearing the woman's T-shirt. Bergkamp faces charges in both cases. Prosecutors didn't respond to an email asking whether Bergkamp had an attorney.

Maine community creates massive ice carousel on frozen lake
SINCLAIR, Maine (AP)—Residents in a Maine town believe they've created the world's

largest ice carousel on a frozen lake. About 100 volunteers cut a circle in the ice that's 427 feet (130 meters) in diameter, and they used four outboard boat motors to get it rotating on Saturday. It happened in Sinclair in northern Maine. Mike Cyr, one of the organizers, announced, "we got 'er spinning!" He says the ice carousel is big enough to break the world record held by a town in Finland. A surveying team confirmed the measurements on Saturday. Volunteers used augurs to bore more than 1,300 holes, along with chain saws and other equipment, to cut the massive hole in lake ice that was 30 inches thick. They waited for warmer weather to get it spinning.

Put your paws up: Detroit-area police department adds cat

TROY, Mich. (AP)—Book him, kitty. The Troy police department in suburban Detroit added a cat to the ranks Friday after auditioning five felines from the Michigan Humane Society. The cat will be used for therapeutic purposes and make public appearances. A Troy officer who has two cats at home is getting a new four-legged partner. Sgt. Meghan Lehman says the department also wants to promote pet adoptions from area shelters. She says Troy students will be asked to come up with possible names for the kitten. A name will be selected through a vote on Twitter. Troy police pledged to add a cat if it could reach 10,000 Twitter followers by April. It took just eight days to go from 4,000 to 10,000.

Science & Technology

Is Facebook regulation 'inevitable'? Not so fast

By MATT O'BRIEN and MARY CLARE JALONICK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg told lawmakers that regulation of his company is

"inevitable," but still came to Capitol Hill prepared to defend against proposals he thought went too far.

He rarely had to. After about 10 hours of hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday, markets rallied and privacy advocates were disappointed at the prospect that Facebook appeared to emerge unscathed, left to its own devices to manage how it collects vast amounts of personal data and handles user privacy.

"This is still very much an uphill battle for privacy reforms," said Alvaro Bedoya, who directs Georgetown University's Center on Privacy and Technology. "Yes, right now we have the wind at our backs, but unless people around the country stay on this, this can very quickly devolve into a giveaway for tech."

Some legislators touted their various proposals for privacy protections, including bills introduced this week responding to the privacy scandal involving some 87 million Facebook users whose data was swept up by the political data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica.

Increased regulation "is a very real possibility," said Oregon Republican Rep. Greg



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg arrives to testify before a House Energy and Commerce hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, April 11, 2018, about the use of Facebook data to target American voters in the 2016 election and data privacy. AP

Walden, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which held Wednesday's hearing. But after it was over, Walden acknowledged there's little consensus.

"There's a division, I think, and I think still people want to know more about what the companies themselves can do," Walden said.

Zuckerberg often professed his willingness to work with lawmakers on legislative ideas or said he'd get back to them. He made few commitments and

promised that Facebook could protect users on its own with better algorithms and advances in artificial intelligence.

The top Democrat on the panel, New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone, said after the hearing that he thinks the Democrats "made it quite clear that we need some comprehensive legislation on privacy and data," but didn't say exactly what that would look like.

"The biggest concern I have right now, and I think it could be addressed legislatively, is

that he wasn't willing to make any changes with the privacy default settings," Pallone said. "So the problem always is that you go on, and unless you affirmatively decide to protect yourself, then they just take everything. I think that needs to be changed."

Pallone, however, said he is "pessimistic that it happens with the Republican majority."

It's not that Zuckerberg wasn't peppered with some tough questions from both parties about his company and its business model. Asked by Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham on Tuesday if Facebook was a monopoly, Zuckerberg quipped, "certainly doesn't feel like that to me." Just a few moments earlier, though, he had struggled to name direct competitors.

Under U.S. antitrust law, corporations deemed an illegal monopoly can be broken up into smaller parts by federal regulators. No one asked Zuckerberg about that, though his notes, which an Associated Press photographer spotted on his desk, showed he was prepared for the question.

Account changes to iTunes can give users the blues

TECH Q&A

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Q: I'm having problems with Apple's "authorization" process that gives my PC the right to play songs in the iTunes program. This started when I changed e-mail addresses and switched my iTunes account to the new address. I then authorized my PC to play iTunes music. But when I try to play music, I get a message saying it's not authorized. The iTunes program won't even play non-Apple music I copied earlier from CDs. What can I do?

A: Apple's song "authorization" process frustrates, particularly when changing computers or iTunes account info.

In your case, the account info is the problem. When you authorize a computer to play music in iTunes, you log in with a password called your Apple ID. This Apple ID is linked to your iTunes account, and every time information in the account changes — as it did when you changed your e-mail address — the Apple ID and the song-authorization process can be affected. In your case, changing the account meant that songs that were previously authorized to play on your PC no longer are. There are two ways to fix this:

If you use an Apple ID that's not your e-mail address, try switching your iTunes account back to your old e-mail address, then make sure your PC is authorized to play your iTunes music. You should then be able to play music that you downloaded from iTunes or copied from CDs while using the old e-mail address. Newer music will have to be added to iTunes again.

If you use your new e-mail address as your Apple ID, try highlighting a song in the iTunes library that you purchased from the iTunes store. Then go to the top of the screen, click "edit" and choose "song info." In the resulting menu, click the "file" tab and look at the heading "purchased by." The name in parenthesis is the Apple ID used to buy the song. You should then authorize your computer with iTunes using that Apple ID (see details at tinyurl.com/yclwwj69).

Q: I use the Microsoft Outlook 2016 e-mail program on my Windows 10 PC. Is there a straightforward way to save my e-mails as both Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF documents?

A: Outlook can't save e-mails directly as Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word files.

One workaround is to copy the e-mail and paste it into a Word file. Save the file as a Word document. Then click Word's "save as" function. Once in that menu, go to the "save as type" drop-down box and select PDF. The formatting in the Word and PDF files may not look exactly like the original e-mail.

To get exact e-mail copies, try these techniques:

To create a PDF file on Windows 10, open an e-mail in Outlook, click the "file" tab and choose "print." From the list of "printer" options, choose "Microsoft Print to PDF" and click "print." You will then be given a choice called "Save print output as" choose a location on your PC to save the newly created PDF file.

To create a Word file, open an e-mail in Outlook and click "save-as." Use the "save as type" feature to store the e-mail as an HTML file. Open the HTML file in Word and use the Word "save as" function and "save as type" feature to store the file as a Word document.

E-mail tech questions to steve.j.alexander@gmail.com. Include name, city and telephone number.

Spotify to bundle Premium service with Hulu

Spotify said that subscribers to its Premium music-streaming service will be able to bundle it with Hulu's limited-commercial TV plan for \$12.99 a month. The deal is similar to an offering Spotify made to students beginning last fall.

Currently, Spotify Premium costs subscribers \$9.99 a month, while Hulu's limited-commercial plan costs \$7.99 a month. So, in other words, if you subscribe to Spotify Premium, you can add Hulu to the mix for \$3 a month and end up paying less than you would by subscribing to both services separately. Spotify is also looking to sweeten the deal by giving subscribers Hulu for 99 cents a month for the first three months of their subscriptions before raising the price.

Get tech news in your inbox weekday mornings. Sign up for the free Good Morning Silicon Valley newsletter.

The deal will initially be offered to Spotify's current 71 million Premium subscribers, and new subscribers to the service. Spotify intends to expand the Hulu bundle to the rest of its customers this summer. *(The Mercury News)*

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With Sincere Gratitude

There are not enough words to fully express our profound and humble appreciation for being blessed with an abundance of Support, Prayers, Sympathy, Words of Wisdom, Many acts of Kindness and most of all the Unconditional Love you all have shown us after the passing of My Dearly Beloved Wife †Tikang. A wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandmother that will forever be treasured.

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Sylvestre Ilo Iguel and Children.

Life & Style

\$30,000 rumor? Tabloid paid for, spiked, salacious Trump tip

By JAKE PEARSON and
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eight months before the company that owns the National Enquirer paid \$150,000 to a former Playmate Playmate who claimed she'd had an affair with Donald Trump, the tabloid's parent made a \$30,000 payment to a less famous individual: a former doorman at one of the real estate mogul's New York City buildings.

As it did with the ex-Playmate, the Enquirer signed the ex-doorman to a contract that effectively prevented him from going public with a juicy tale that might hurt Trump's campaign for president.

The payout to the former

Playmate, Karen McDougal, stayed a secret until the Wall Street Journal published a story about it days before Election Day. Since then curiosity about that deal has spawned intense media coverage and, this week, helped prompt the FBI to raid the hotel room and offices of Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen.

The story of the ex-doorman, Dino Sajudin, hasn't been told until now.

The Associated Press confirmed the details of the Enquirer's payment through a review of a confidential contract and interviews with dozens of current and former employees of the Enquirer and its parent company, American Media Inc. Sajudin got \$30,000 in exchange for sign-

ing over the rights, "in perpetuity," to a rumor he'd heard about Trump's sex life—that the president had fathered an illegitimate child with an employee at Trump World Tower, a skyscraper he owns near the United Nations. The contract subjected Sajudin to a \$1 million penalty if he disclosed either the rumor or the terms of the deal to anyone.

Cohen, the longtime Trump attorney, acknowledged to the AP that he had discussed Sajudin's story with the magazine when the tabloid was working on it. He said he was acting as a Trump spokesman when he did so and denied knowing anything beforehand about the Enquirer payment to the ex-doorman.

The parallel between the

ex-Playmate's and the ex-doorman's dealings with the Enquirer raises new questions about the roles that the Enquirer and Cohen may have played in protecting Trump's image during a hard-fought presidential election. Prosecutors are probing whether Cohen broke banking or campaign laws in connection with AMI's payment to McDougal and a \$130,000 payment to porn star Stormy Daniels that Cohen said he paid out of his own pocket.

Federal investigators have sought communications between Cohen, American Media's chief executive and the Enquirer's top editor, the New York Times reported.

Cohen's lawyer has called the raids "inappropriate and unnecessary." American Me-

dia hasn't said whether federal authorities have sought information from it, but said this week that it would "comply with any and all requests that do not jeopardize or violate its protected sources or materials pursuant to our First Amendment rights." The White House didn't respond to questions seeking comment.

On Wednesday, an Enquirer sister publication, RadarOnline, published details of the payment and the rumor that Sajudin was peddling. The website wrote that the Enquirer spent four weeks reporting the story but ultimately decided it wasn't true. The company only released Sajudin from his contract after the 2016 election amid inquiries from the Journal about the payment. The site noted that the AP

was among a group of publications that had been investigating the ex-doorman's tip.

During AP's reporting, AMI threatened legal action over reporters' efforts to interview current and former employees and hired the New York law firm Boies Schiller Flexner, which challenged the accuracy of the AP's reporting.

Asked about the payment last summer, Dylan Howard, the Enquirer's top editor and an AMI executive, said he made the payment to secure the former Trump doorman's exclusive cooperation because the tip, if true, would have sold "hundreds of thousands" of magazines. Ultimately, he said the information "lacked any credibility," so he spiked the story on those merits.



In this Friday, March 23, 2018 photo, employee Emily Meixell plays a guitar made with rosewood at C. F. Martin and Co., in Nazareth, Pa.

AP

Guitar makers hit hard by new regulations on prized rosewood

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—An international crackdown on illegal logging in tropical forests has ensnared the makers of some guitars and other musical instruments, whose top-end products require small amounts of rosewood, a material prized for its rich, multicolored grain and resonant sound.

Since new trade rules took effect in 2017, guitar makers have complained about long delays in getting permits to import rosewood and export finished instruments that contain it. Warehouses have filled with unsold instruments, and a bagpipe maker in New Hampshire went so far as to ask the governor to intervene after a permit application was lost.

"I'm so annoyed. I'm so distraught by this," said Chris Martin, chairman and CEO of C.F. Martin and Co., which uses rosewood in 200 models of acoustic guitar, some played by Eric Clapton, Ed Sheeran, Sting and other stars. The company's logistics staff estimates it spends 40 percent of its time dealing with the new regulations.

Fearful that Africa and Asia were losing rosewood forests, governments adopted the rules to stem the flow of smuggled rosewood to China's luxury furniture manufacturers. But the restrictions have also hurt companies that use relatively tiny amounts of the wood in guitars, clarinets and oboes.

Months after the regulations

were adopted, acoustic guitar exports from the U.S. fell by about 28 percent, and electric guitar exports declined 23 percent, according to the Music Trades magazine, an industry publication. Music retailers reported losing \$60 million.

At Martin's Pennsylvania-based company, many transactions are stalled: "We have orders for the guitars. We have customers. The customers have the money to pay for them, and we can't ship them because the paperwork is stuck somewhere," he said.

The guitar industry's frustration is focused on the United Nation's Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna

and Flora, or CITES, which is responsible for combating wildlife smuggling. The agency has tangled in the past with instrument makers, mostly over restrictions on ivory, tortoiseshell and whale bone.

Agency officials previously placed trade limits on only a few rosewood species, such as Brazilian rosewood, which is especially precious. But the 2016 trade rules covered up to 300 species of the rosewood family known as Dalbergia. The new regulations also required permits for products made from the wood, including guitars, violins, bagpipes and xylophones. Many companies that had never needed permits had only three months to comply.

Accusers confront Bill Cosby, and they aren't holding back

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Women who say comedian Bill Cosby knocked them out with intoxicants and sexually assaulted them decades ago are finally getting a chance to confront him—and they aren't holding back.

Janice Baker-Kinney will return to the witness stand on Thursday after punctuating her first two hours of testimony at Cosby's sexual assault retrial in suburban Philadelphia with a firm declaration: "I was raped."

One woman testifying on Wednesday pointedly called Cosby a "serial rapist," while another choked back tears as she asked him, "You remember, don't you, Mr. Cosby?"

The charged rhetoric irritated Cosby's lawyers, who lost two bids for a mistrial, as prosecutors built a case that the man once revered as "America's Dad" was one of Hollywood's biggest predators long before he met Andrea Constand, the chief accuser in his retrial.

A Cosby spokeswoman dismissed the women's testimony as "prosecution by distraction."

Baker-Kinney has been unflappable under cross-examination, calling out Cosby lawyer Tom Mesereau for rolling his eyes at her and chiding the veteran defense attorney after she said he attempted to twist what she said about being assaulted.

She also turned back his attempts to dent her credibility, freely admitting that she experimented with LSD and other drugs in her youth and had a long bout with alcoholism. She denied using drugs

during the time she said Cosby assaulted her, other than the pills she said he gave her.

"It still takes me everything within my being to say the words, 'I was raped,'" Baker-Kinney testified.

Now well into middle age, the accusers spoke of entering Cosby's orbit as starstruck young women seeking career help or, in Baker-Kinney's case, simply looking for a fun time.

All of them testified they wound up unconscious from the pills or alcohol Cosby gave them, unable to say no or resist as he had his way with them.

Baker-Kinney was a 24-year-old Reno, Nevada, casino bartender when she says Cosby gave her pills she suspected to be quaaludes and had sex with her in 1982.

Chelan Lasha, sobbing uncontrollably as she testified, told jurors that she got to know Cosby through a family connection as a 17-year-old aspiring model and actress in 1986.

Lasha said Cosby gave her a little blue pill he described as an antihistamine to help her get over a cold, along with two shots of amaretto "to help break up the cough." The combination immobilized her and rendered her unable to speak. Cosby then assaulted her, touching her breast and rubbing himself against her leg, Lasha said.

Asked what was going through her mind, Lasha testified: "Dr. Huxtable wouldn't do this. Why are you doing this to me? You're supposed to help me be successful."

Netflix pulls out of Cannes Film Festival in growing dispute

NEW YORK (AP)—Ted Sarandos, Netflix's chief content officer, on Wednesday said the streaming giant is pulling its films from the Cannes Film

Festival, further intensifying an ongoing dispute between Netflix and the world's most prestigious film festival.

Cannes earlier banned any

films without theatrical distribution in France from its Palme d'Or competition. That essentially rules out Netflix movies, which are released either day-and-date—on Netflix and in some theaters—or simply go straight to Netflix. In France, it's a law that films can't be released on home entertainment platforms until 36 months after their theatrical release.

That still left Netflix the option of playing out of competition at Cannes. But in an interview with Variety published Wednesday, Sarandos said he doesn't want to send Netflix releases if they won't be treated equally with other movies.

"We want our films to be on fair ground with every other filmmaker," said Sarandos. "There's a risk in us going in this way and having our films and filmmakers treated disrespectfully at the festival. They've set the tone. I don't



think it would be good for us to be there."

Representatives for Cannes didn't immediately comment Wednesday. In an earlier interview, Cannes director Thierry Fremaux said: "The Netflix people loved the red carpet and would like to be present with other films. But they understand that the intransigence of their own model is now the

opposite of ours."

Last year, two Netflix films—Bong Joon-ho's "Okja" and Noah Baumbach's "The Meyerowitz Stories"—premiered in competition at Cannes, prompting outrage from French theater owners and unions.

Last year's festival became a kind of referendum on Netflix's role in cinema. Advocates for the streaming service point

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In this Feb. 1, 2017 file photo, Netflix CCO Ted Sarandos arrives at the season one premiere of "Santa Clarita Diet" in Los Angeles.

to the creative freedom Netflix offers to filmmakers and its financial backing of a diverse and ambitious slate of films. Critics say a platform destructive to theatrical moviegoing shouldn't be celebrated at the world's foremost celebration of cinema.

For Cannes, losing Netflix—and its growing roster of big-name filmmakers and stars—is a blow, depriving the French Riviera festival of some of the high-wattage glamour it seeks for its red carpet. Hollywood studios have largely stopped making the kinds of movies presented in Cannes, though this year's festival will include the out-of-competition premiere of Disney's "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Girl's anti-bullying plea gets support from Hugh Jackman

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—A 10-year-old Pennsylvania girl's video appeal to stop bullying is getting support from around the world, including from "The Wolverine" actor Hugh Jackman. The video first appeared on Cassidy Warner's Facebook page last month, when the fourth-grader held up signs describing her experience at her elementary school. Cassidy says she's been bullied since first grade. She says she's been spat on, been hit and had her hair pulled. She says whenever she sits at a lunch table other kids leave. Jackman on Wednesday posted a supportive message to Cassidy, saying he wants her to know she's "loved, special and smart." Cassidy's mother reposted the video after her Facebook account was shut down this month. Her father tells the Scranton Times-Tribune that John Adams Elementary School has changed her lunch period and recess in response.

Los Angeles prosecutors reviewing Spacey sex assault case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles County prosecutors are reviewing sexual assault allegations against Kevin Spacey for possible criminal charges, authorities said Wednesday. Sheriff's investigators presented the

allegations on April 5 to the district attorney's task force on sex crimes in the entertainment industry, a sheriff's statement said. District attorney's spokesman Greg Risling confirmed that he case was under consideration by prosecutors. A man alleges that Spacey sexually assaulted him in West Hollywood in October of 1992, the sheriff's statement said.

Patriots owner calls for reform after Meek Mill prison visit

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft is calling for reform of the criminal justice system after visiting rapper Meek Mill in a Pennsylvania prison. Kraft and Philadelphia 76ers co-owner Michael Rubin visited the Philadelphia-born rapper on Tuesday. Kraft said Mill's incarceration makes it clear that "we have to do something with criminal justice reform." Rubin said he believes Mill will be released soon. Mill, whose real name is Robert Rihmeek Williams, is fighting for release while appealing a two- to four-year sentence for a probation violation. A judge said his drug use, arrests and other issues while under supervision merited the jail time. Mill's lawyers accuse her of a "personal vendetta." Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney also visited Mill Wednesday for an hour at Rubin's invitation, according to a representative.

Nobel board slams turmoil at Swedish literature prize group

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The Nobel Foundation Board has sharply criticized the Swedish Academy, which chooses the Nobel Literature Prize winner each year, saying the group has damaged its own reputation and is threatening to tarnish the reputation of the Nobel Prize itself.

The comments came hours after the Swedish king said the resignation of three members from the Swedish Academy was "deeply unfortunate and risked seriously damaging" the body's "important activities."

After a Nobel board meeting Wednesday, the foundation issued a statement noting that "trust in the Swedish Academy has been seriously damaged" and demanding that the group take specific actions to restore that trust.

The Nobel board said that included making sure the Swedish Academy can carry out the 2018 Nobel selection "in a credible manner," resolving the group's conflicts of interest and confidentiality issues according to Nobel regulations and referring any "suspected criminal acts" to law enforcement officials.

The prestigious academy has been in turmoil after the resignations Friday of members Klas Ostergren, Kjell Espmark and Peter Englund, who quit after the secretive 18-member academy voted against removing a female colleague whose husband is embroiled in sexual misconduct allegations.

Academy members are appointed for life and resignations are extremely rare. In gender-neutral Sweden, it was

also a surprise that three male cultural figures would demand that a woman be ousted from a Nobel-awarding committee for her husband's alleged actions.

The men were calling for the removal of academy member Katarina Frostenson, whose husband, Jean-Claude Arnault, has been accused of sexual misconduct and leaking Nobel winners' names.

Arnault was banned in December by the Swedish Academy from attending a Nobel banquet after the Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter published allegations from 18 women claiming to have been assaulted or raped by Arnault.

Arnault, the head of a Stockholm culture center, denies the alleged assaults, which reportedly occurred between 1996 and 2017.

In March, Swedish prosecutors said an investigation into reported rape and sexual abuse by Arnault during 2013 to 2015 had been dropped, but a probe into other criminal acts would continue. It did not elaborate.

Separately on Tuesday, one of Sweden's biggest dailies, Dagens Nyheter, cited an internal Academy probe alleging that Arnault leaked the names of winners the Nobel Literature Prize seven times, starting in 1996. The Dagens Nyheter said the names include U.S. singer-songwriter Bob Dylan and Belarus journalist Svetlana Alexievich.

It was not clear how he had learned who the winners were. The academy never discusses potential winners and has kept nominations secret for half a century.

Girl feels guilty for partying during breakup with boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old senior and have been dating the same boy for two years. A month ago, he told me he wanted to break up "because he needed some time to figure out what he wanted." I was devastated but agreed. Two weeks later, he told me he was sorry and he loves me.

We are back together now, but the weekend after our breakup, I went to visit a college girlfriend. We went to a party and I ended up having sex with a boy I didn't even know. I feel guilty and unworthy. What should I do? If I tell my boyfriend, I'm sure I'll lose him for good. If I don't tell him, I'll always worry that he will find out from someone else.

UNWORTHY IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR UNWORTHY: You are acting like you have something to feel guilty about. You don't. At the time you visited your college girlfriend, your boyfriend had broken things off with you. You do not owe him an explanation or a confession as long as you haven't given him an STD. Contact your physician and be checked to be sure.

DEAR ABBY: I'm vegan and make a point of being polite to servers in restaurants. I carefully describe what I would like to eat from their menu. Although they appear to be attentive, half

the time they serve me a meal with an added touch—a scoop of sour cream or sprinkle of cheese on the top.

When it happens, is it fair to send the food back to the kitchen? Or is it better to painstakingly scrape the unrequested item off of my dinner? I don't want to waste food, and I would like my meal prepared to my specifications. Any suggestions?

VEGAN IN THE WEST

DEAR VEGAN: You have every right to send a meal back if it wasn't prepared the way you requested. You, as the customer, are paying for your food, and you should not have to painstakingly scrape anything off it. Some people with dietary restrictions carry a laminated card with them that lists the foods they cannot eat. It is shown to the chef by the server at the time your order is placed. You may want to try it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband died recently. We didn't have children. His family keeps contacting me and inviting me to lunch, movies, etc. The problem is, I have nothing in common with them and no longer want to spend time with them. When I make an excuse to politely bow out, they suggest another date, and another and another. How can I get them to leave me alone?

ENJOYING MY SOLITUDE

DEAR ABBY

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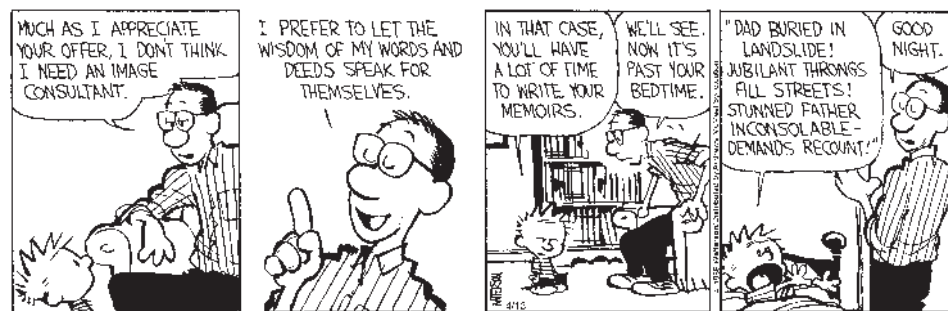
DEAR SOLITUDE: Your former in-laws mean well, and many would consider you fortunate that they try so hard to be supportive and remain close. Keep in mind that you are their last tie to their son. However, because your polite refusals aren't getting through, tell them that while you appreciate their gesture, you are not lonely. In fact, you enjoy being "alone with your memories" and you will contact them if you change your mind.

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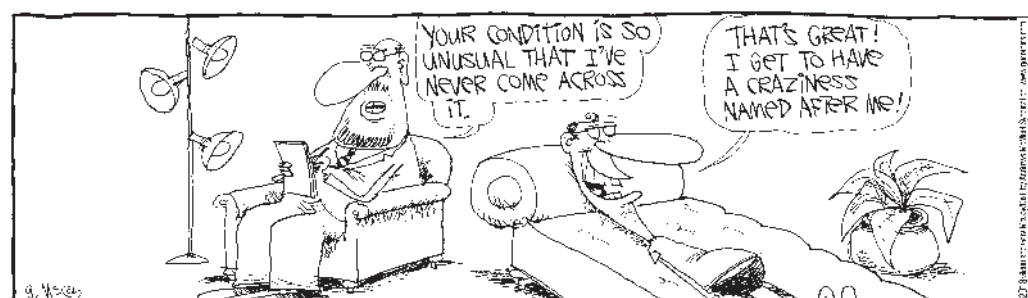
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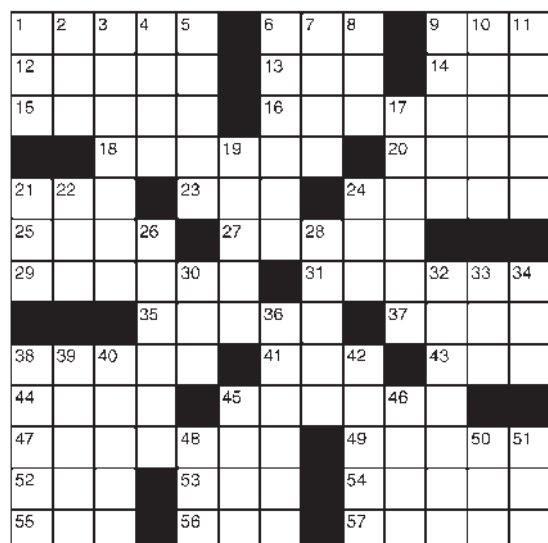
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6 Comedian
9 "Blue Bloods" airer
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14 Marseilles monarch
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16 Bluish-purple flowers
18 Gloomy
20 Big fusses
21 Parisian pal
23 Corn spike
24 Strong adhesive
25 Historic Scott
27 Bull's sound
29 Home of St. Francis
31 Checks for typos
35 Because
- DOWN**
- 17 Wimp
19 Portable PC
21 Wash-room tub
22 Nabokov novel
24 "Goof up"
26 '70s dance clubs
28 Puccini work
30 Command to Rover
32 Corsage flowers
33 Dandy guy
34 Resort
36 Salad choice
38 Drive away
39 Obliterate
40 Nixon's veep
42 Muscle woe
45 Antitoxins
46 Manitoba tribe
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50 Pouch
51 Peyton's brother

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Yesterday's answer 4-13



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Being pushy, or giving in to someone who is, will be your downfall. The best way to gain respect is to be open to compromise and strive for equality in all aspects of your life. Physical activity will ease stress. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your intuition when dealing with others will be on target. Attending a reunion or catching up with someone you haven't seen for some time will be rewarding. Be careful not to reveal personal secrets, information or passwords. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Protect against physical setbacks and chronic health issues. Do what's required to offset any negativity or emotional manipulation you face when trying to receive or offer help. Keep your objective clear and your questions and answers concise. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Visit a friend or spend time with someone you love. Sharing a common interest will encourage you to reveal how you feel and what

possibilities exist for future get-togethers. Sign up for a reunion and reminisce. Romance is in the stars. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen to your peers or those with more experience, and you'll get a different perspective regarding what's possible and how you can go about reaching your goals. Avoid indulgence; stick to what's tangible and you will come out on top. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more energy and physical power into what you do, and not only will you make an impression, but you will feel satisfied with what you accomplish. A fitness regimen, lifestyle changes and surrounding yourself with positive people are encouraged. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Offer a unique version of how you can accomplish what's expected of you. Your insight will help open doors that have been closed in the past. Don't hesitate to make changes if that's what will encourage a positive lifestyle. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Participate, get active and strive to reach your goals. A day trip, planning something special with the one you love or attending a family gathering that will allow you to share your latest news is favored. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay at home and make adjustments to your space that will be more conducive to getting involved in hobbies or pursuits that interest you. Don't let someone else's impulsive move tempt you to follow suit. Catch up on your reading. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take time out to enjoy your own company or of someone you love. Family fun, making personal changes that will lift your spirits, and updating your appearance are all favored. Love and romance will improve your personal life. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Visiting friends or relatives may be inviting, but protect against falling into a situation that you thought you dismissed a long time ago. If someone is aggressive, obsessive or indulgent, know enough to walk away. Protect against emotional blackmail. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of your personal finances, investments and any pending matters that need to be addressed. Your intuition will help you make choices based on what's actually happening instead of the limited information being offered. Personal improvements are highlighted. ***

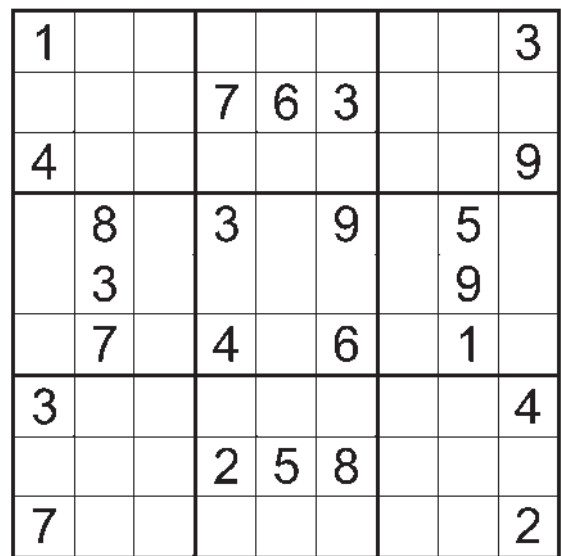
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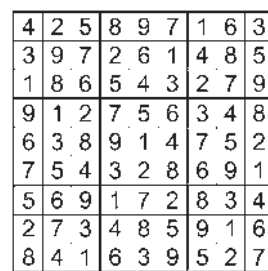
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Yanks win fight-marred match vs Red Sox



New York Yankees' Tyler Austin, center, rushes Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Joe Kelly, right, after being hit by a pitch during the seventh inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Wednesday, April 11, 2018. At left holding back Austin is Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez. AP

BOSTON (AP)—Tyler Austin rushed the mound after being hit by a pitch from Red Sox reliever Joe Kelly, triggering a bench-clearing brawl in a ramped-up rivalry as the New York Yankees ended Boston's nine-game winning streak with a 10-7 victory Wednesday night.

Benches cleared briefly in the third after Austin's spikes clipped Brock Holt's leg on a slide into second base. Holt took issue with the contact and they exchanged words before being separated.

Then with the Yankees leading 10-6 in the seventh, Kelly caught Austin on the side with a 98 mph fastball. Austin slammed his bat on the plate, threw it down and took four steps toward the mound while hollering. Kelly

waved Austin at him, and things quickly escalated.

Austin, Kelly, New York reliever Tommy Kahnle and Yankees third base coach Phil Nevin were ejected.

Rockies 6, Padres 4

In Denver, Rockies star Nolan Arenado charged the mound after a fastball from Luis Perdomo sailed behind him, setting off a brawl that resulted in five ejections.

Pedromo flung his glove at the rushing Arenado and missed. The big-hitting Arenado then threw a couple of punches at the backpedaling Perdomo but didn't land anything squarely.

Braves 5, Nationals 3

In Washington, Peter Bourjos drove in two runs with a

bases-loaded single in the 12th inning off Ryan Madson (0-1).

Braves starter Brandon McCarthy left after five innings with what Atlanta said was a subluxation of his non-throwing shoulder, which usually refers to a partial dislocation.

Twins 9, Astros 8

In Minneapolis, Max Kepler hit his second home run of the game, connecting for a solo drive with two outs in the bottom off Brad Peacock (1-1) as Minnesota rebounded after wasting an 8-1 lead.

Lance McCullers Jr. allowed a career-high eight runs in 3 2/3 innings.

Brewers 3, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Matt Albers got his first save for Milwaukee, retiring Kolten Wong and Dexter Fowler

to strand a pair of runners.

Milwaukee built a 3-0 lead on home runs by Hernaz Perez in the second and Eric Thames in the third followed by Jonathan Villar's RBI groundout in the fifth.

White Sox 2, Rays 1

In Chicago, Matt Davidson hit a two-run homer off Austin Pruitt (1-2) in the eighth inning and Chicago improved to 1-5 at home, matching its worst home start since 1975 at Comiskey Park.

Bruce Rondon (1-0) retired the side in the eighth, and Nate Jones finished for his first save.

Mariners 4, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Kyle Seager hit a go-ahead homer with two outs in the eighth off Justin Grimm (0-1).

James Paxton matched a career-best with 10 strikeouts over six sharp innings before turning it over to his bullpen.

Diamondbacks 7, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Paul Goldschmidt and John Ryan Murphy hit home runs and Arizona won its fourth straight series to start a season for the first time since beginning play in 1998.

Fernando Salas (2-1) pitched a scoreless inning in relief of starter Robbie Ray.

Indians 5, Tigers 1

In Cleveland, Detroit pitcher Jordan Zimmermann bruised the right side of his jaw when hit in the face by a line drive off the bat of Cleveland's Jason Kipnis and left after two batters. Zimmermann said after the game he should be able to take his next turn.

Carlos Carrasco (3-0) pitched a three-hitter, allowing Leonys Martin's home run in the sixth.

Orioles 5, Blue Jays 3

In Baltimore, Jonathan Schoop drove in two runs, and Kevin Gausman (1-1) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. Brad Brach worked the ninth for his third save.

Marco Estrada (1-1) allowed four runs and six hits in four-plus innings.

Phillies 4, Reds 3

In Philadelphia, Scott Kingery hit a game-ending sacrifice fly in the 12th off Austin Brice (0-1), two innings after center fielder Odubel Herrera robbed

Scouter Gennett of a two-run homer. J.P. Crawford hit his first career homer, and Cesar Hernandez also connected for the Phillies, who dropped the Reds to 2-9.

Mets 4, Marlins 1

In Miami, Marlins lefty Jarlin Garcia was pulled after pitching six hitless innings in his first major league start after 68 relief appearances last year as a rookie.

Zack Wheeler (1-0) gave up a homer to Miguel Rojas in the first inning on his season debut but allowed only one other hit and retired his final 16 batters.

Cubs 13, Pirates 5

In Chicago, Javier Baez homered twice for the second straight day and scored the go-ahead run in the sixth after striking out and reaching on a wild pitch by Tyler Glasnow (0-1).

Brian Duensing (1-0) pitched a perfect sixth.

Angels 7, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Shohei Ohtani had an RBI single that put Los Angeles ahead to stay, and the Angels improved to 10-3 for the first time since 1982.

The Rangers' Elvis Andrus broke his right elbow when hit by a pitch from Keynan Middleton in the ninth inning.

Athletics 16, Dodgers 6

In Los Angeles, Khris Davis, Matt Chapman and Jed Lowrie each went deep, and the Athletics pounded out 21 hits in a win over the Dodgers.

The A's sent nine batters to the plate in the fourth inning and scored five runs to lead 7-1.

Late Ronaldo PK sends Real Madrid to semis

MADRID (AP)—Just when it looked like Juventus would pull off another stunning Champions League comeback, Cristiano Ronaldo stepped up once again.

Ronaldo converted a penalty kick deep into injury time to send Real Madrid through to the semifinals for the eighth straight season despite a 3-1 home loss to Juventus on Wednesday. The goal was enough to give the two-time defending champion a 4-3 aggregate win and avoid nerve-racking extra time after the Italian side had erased a seemingly insurmountable deficit

from the first leg.

"It was a match in which we suffered," Ronaldo said. "It shows that nothing is a given in football, you have to fight until the end. We didn't play well, we have to admit. But in the end we deserved to advance."

A day after seeing Spanish rival Barcelona blow a three-goal advantage against Roma in Italy, Madrid nearly did the same. But Juventus' heroics came up just short after substitute Lucas Vazquez appeared to be pushed from behind inside the area in the third and



final minute of stoppage time.

Veteran Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, in what was likely his last Champions League game, was then sent off for furiously complaining after the penalty decision. The Madrid crowd at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium gave Buffon a standing ovation as he left the field.

"Life goes on," Buffon said. "I'm happy and proud of how we played, we made the impossible possible. It's a shame it ends like this."

In the night's other quar-

terfinal, Bayern Munich advanced with a 0-0 home draw against Sevilla as the newly crowned Bundesliga champions defended a 2-1 advantage from the first leg.

Madrid won the first leg 3-0 in Turin last week, when Ronaldo scored with a spectacular bicycle kick for his second goal of the match.

That deficit made Wednesday's return leg seem like an impossible task for Juventus but it got off to the perfect start when Mario Mandzukic opened the scoring with a header two minutes into the match.

Little Legals players lead individual stats

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Based on individual statistics, batting and pitching are helping the Kagman Little Legals keep their record clean in the Majors division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball.

The Robert Torres-sponsored squad holds a 5-0 mark, just one game behind leaders Falcons, who are also unbeaten.

Cardi Borja and G-Boy

Pangelinan, based on the individual statistics as of April 2, are the Top 2 in batting with the former having a .643 average, followed by the latter's .625.

The Cubs' Albert Adriano is at third (.600) with the McDonald's pair of J.J. Reyes and Joel Deleon Guerrero coming in at fourth and fifth with .579 and .529, respectively.

The Falcons' Chris Pangelinan, the Pirates' Destiny Pangelinan, and the Natibu

Sports Association Braves' Jylon Sablan are tied at .500 each. Noah Aguon of the Falcons (.474), Jesus Tyquinco of Bank of Saipan (.455), and Gunner Sablan of the Little Legals (.444) complete the batting leaders.

Angelo Igitol is the current runs scored leader with 15, followed by the 12 of the Falcons' Aguon, while Pangelinan, Joey Sharry, and Achilles Evangelista are tied with

10 apiece. Deleon Guerrero, Leandre Sablan, Andre Iguel, and J.J. Reyes have nine each.

Pangelinan and Deleon Guerrero have five doubles each, Michael Tomokane has four, while nine players—Igitol, Gunner Sablan, Josh Atalig, Joell Borja, Jon Diaz, Al Adriano, Dane Hodges, Greg Tebitt, and Demarlane Santos—are bunched up with two apiece.

Borja and Jesse Stole have three and two triples each,

while 12—Hodges, Pangelinan, Reyes, Deleon Guerrero, Aguon, Gunner Sablan, Fabio Norita, Reed Camacho, Benji Palacios, Max Church, Terrel Rabago, and Sammy Pangelinan—have one each.

Charlie McDonald, G-Boy Pangelinan, Aguon, and Deandrey Cruz have one home run each, while Tomokane is leading the RBI department

with nine, followed by eight each of Chris Pangelinan, G-Boy Pangelinan, and Gunner Sablan. Jylon Sablan, Cardi Borja, and Leandre Sablan have seven apiece.

Gunner Sablan has a 0.00 ERA to lead the pitching list, while he has recorded 35 strikeouts to place second behind Jylon Sablan (43). G-Boy Pangelinan, Gunner's teammate, has a 1.00 ERA to rank second.



PIC Hafa Adai 5K set for April 21



It's almost that time of the year for Saipan's most colorful event—the Pacific Islands Club-hosted Hafa Adai 5K.

The event is open to the first 1,500 registrants. Proceeds from the April 21 run will be donated to Saipan Cares for Animals. Saipan Cares for Animals is a non-profit organization with volunteers who have retired from their careers and are now helping save the animals on the streets, provide care, and hopefully find them new homes.

"We care about the animals and we want to give them a chance for a better life. We hope to promote awareness in the community and assist Saipan Care for Animals in saving as many animals as we can," PIC SEA activities manager June Keller said.

Once again, PIC has partnered up with a number of sponsors to help make the



Students line up as they head to the finish line of last year's Hafa Adai 5K.

5K successful. Among them are Amber Lynn Mendiola and her team at Let's Move Marianas. Let's Move Marianas will be coordinating gift certificates for sporting goods to the Top 3 schools with the most participants. Elementary, middle and high schools have all been encouraged to join the event. The kids get a chance to help

the cause and earn some new gear for their schools at the same time.

Aside from helping Saipan Cares for Animals, all participants will be entered into the postrace raffle and are welcome to join in some fun and games for awesome prizes. These include annual memberships to PIC Saipan along with

lunches, Sunday brunches, gym memberships.

The 5KM will start and finish at PIC Saipan and will feature five different coloring stations along the Beach Road route. Participants are encouraged to wear white attire so that the full effect of the coloring stations can be seen post race. Volunteers will be celebrating each runner's arrival by greeting them with "holi powder."

PIC Saipan would like to thank all the generous sponsors that made this event possible: E-Land, Kensington Hotel, Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Pacific Trading Company, Let's Move Marianas, Saipan Vegas, and Triple J Five Star Wholesale.

Entry fees are only \$10. Entry forms for the Hafa Adai 5K are available at the PIC lobby.

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twice and had two doubles.

The Ballistics was holding on to a 7-4 lead after four complete, but lost its advantage after Titanium scored four times at the top of the fifth. The Ballistics then recovered after that and kept its composure in the crucial stretch.

Titanium pitcher Joby Reyes, after Keola Camacho was out while trying to reach third, walked J-Boy Mendiola, who tied the game, 8-all, on a Mike Muna fielder's choice. Muna, with still one out, advanced to second on a passed

ball and scored on a Titanium error as the Ballistics regained the lead, 9-8.

Jay Camacho singled, while Tyrese Camacho was safe at first on Titanium shortstop K.J. Villagomez's throwing error before Riungel came up with the important two-RBI double.

Riungel was out at third in the next play, but helped Ben Leon Guerrero reach first safely on an Austin Benavente error at center field. Keoni Lizama struck out to end the inning.

Harry Nakamura, with two outs at the bottom of the eighth, scored the insurance run, while the Ballistics' defense thwarted Titanium's comeback bid at the

top of the ninth.

Jack Sablan had a leadoff infield hit at the top of the ninth, but was out while trying to reach second base. Tindin Leon Guerrero had a fielder's choice and then was left stranded after Ballistics' relief pitcher Pua forced Brian Camacho and Jerald Cabrera to consecutive groundouts.

Nakamura went 2-for-5 with two runs, a double, and a triple, while Mendiola batted 1-for-3 with two RBIs and one run.

Pua pitched four innings in relief, giving up two hits with one unearned run, two strikeouts, and three walks.

The Ballistics improved its record to 2-5 for the No. 8 spot in the 10-team field, while Titanium is ranked sixth with its 4-4 mark. GSM leads the lead after finishing the regular season with an 8-1 record and is followed by the Bears (6-1), Falcons (5-2), Mariners (5-3), and Aces (4-3). The Indians and Outlaws, which have similar 0-6 slates, complete the standings.

Initially, the league's ground rules stated that only the Top 4 teams after the regular season will advance to the playoffs, however squads had a meeting last night to get the consensus of the participants on the final postseason format.

Fernandez making a pair and Amy Weiss and Mikee Campo earning one goal each.

Erin Frink scored the lone goal for TanHoldings.

Meanwhile, the Masters division games were also played at the Chacha pitch. Topnotch duelled TanHoldings in the first match and the former also challenged Matansa in the next game. For the third duel, it was Matansa versus TanHoldings.

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them choose the players for the national team. As much as possible, I no longer wanted to handle or coach the team. I want to give others the chance to coach," Rogolifo said.

He added that he has at least five coaches in mind, but opted to keep their names under wraps until the team is formed.

"There are a number of coaches that could manage the team. I just love the game, but I have a lot on my plate right now."

Rogolifo is the Saipan Baseball League coordinator and a Baseball Confederation of Oceania-certified coaches and umpires instructor, aside from being the Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director.

He would also, from time to time, check on the progress on the repair work of the facilities at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Even without him calling the shots for the CNMI, Rogolifo believes that the Commonwealth will have a strong team for the Micro Games, as the young guns that saw

action in the last SBL Under 25 league and playing in the ongoing 2018 season, maybe considered on the squad.

"We have a lot of players to choose from. A lot of young and talented players but, of course, the veterans are still there. We're going to have a hard time choosing the players for the team," he said.

Rogolifo said that they would still base their selection on statistics in the 2018 SBL season, but will also include attitude, sportsmanship, and character on and off the field in the process.

"There are other factors that we are looking at aside from individual performance. 'We're looking at players who are coachable, who know how to follow instructions on specific plays. And, of course, once they are chosen, attendance is a priority at every practice.'"

Rogolifo helped form the CNMI teams that won gold medals in the 2006 Micro Games, 2011 Pacific Mini Games, and the inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic in 2016. He also won numerous titles in local leagues.

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draw against Winners & Pacific Eco., 3-3.

Ian Maniao nailed the equalizer for Kanoa in the 73rd minute, while Merrick Toves knocked in the pair of goals for the squad, as he found his target right in the first minute and did it again in the 20th.

Joe Miller duplicated Toves' brace, as the former CNMI National Team player scored in the fifth and 31st minute. Junsik Kim's goal in the 50th gave Winners & Pacific Eco. (0-2-3) the shaky lead before Maniago tied the match anew.

DIVISION B KFAS 6, Shirley's 0

Korean Football Association on Saipan stayed on top after easing past Shirley's at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Juan Oh powered KFAS to its sixth win in as many games after logging three goals. Chong Ko Gil and Edwin Kim

added one goal each for the division-leading team.

U16 WNT 5, PIC 4

In the second game, the CNMI U16 Women's National Team edged Pacific Islands Club.

Janelle Chognaki had four goals for the U16 WNT, including the go-ahead in the 79th minute. She made her first three goals in succession, while Sue Ann Huevas recorded the other goal for the U16 WNT, which moved up to third place behind KFAS and Matansa (4-1-1) with its 3-1-2 card. PIC is at the bottom of the standings after falling to a 0-1-5 slate.

Matansa 5, Sun Palace 1

Matansa retained the second spot in the rankings after beating Sun Palace.

Amzad Khan registered a pair of goals for Matansa, which drew one each from Travis Camacho, Jacob Montes-Sabino, and Kamrul Kamrul.

Jack Phan scored the lone goal for Sun Palace (2-1-3).

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1-0 halftime advantage.

TanHoldings got an own goal early in the second half to tie the match before Francisco broke the deadlock past the halfway mark of the final frame.

With the victory, Kanoa-1 now has a 2-1-0 win-draw-loss record for the solo lead in the five-team field, while

TanHoldings (1-0-1) is ranked fourth, pending results of last night's matches. Kanoa-1 is slightly ahead of Kanoa-2 (1-1-0) and Paire (1-0-1). Shirley's is at the bottom of the field with its 0-0-3 slate.

DIVISION B MPU-1 4, Shirley's 0

Over at the Chacha Oceanview Middle School Field last

Sunday, MP United-1 shut down Shirley's.

Malika Miyawaki and Chiharu Sato delivered two goals apiece for MP United-1.

MPU-2 4, TanHoldings 1

MP United-2 also won last weekend after outclassing TanHoldings in the second game in the division.

Three different players scored for MP United-2 with

670 Akkeri breaks into win column

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The 670 Akkeri got its first victory in the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League after outclassing Casino, 78-63, last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 670 Akkeri, which dropped its first two games against the 670 Sonics and men's division leaders Ol'Aces, broke away from Ca-

sino in the third quarter en route to the 15-point winning margin.

Ahead by only 6 at the break, 38-32, the 670 Akkeri complemented its better offense with a solid defense, limiting Casino to three field goals in the third quarter to open a 63-40 lead. Earlier in the first half, the 670 Akkeri also played tough defense on Casino, but the latter found a way to break the press to stay afloat.



However, the 670 Akkeri continued to hound Casino in the third canto and this time the ploy worked, as no player from the losing squad made more than one field goal. While Casino struggled on offense, the 670 Akkeri did not, thanks to the 10 markers of Fred Litulumar and a couple more baskets from his four other teammates.

After building a big lead, the 670 Akkeri kept going in the fourth, leaving Casino no chance to recover.

Meanwhile, the Lady Ol'Aces also posted a double-digit winning margin over the Docomo Rollers, 46-32, to remain undefeated in four games.

Former CNMI national team players Lia Rangamar and Jeralyn Castillo towed the Lady Ol'Aces to another victory after firing 14 and 13 points, respectively. A.J. Garon had 15 markers for the winless Rollers.

In other results, the 670 Sonics romped past the Chalan Kanoa Ballers last Monday, 103-64, while the Ol'Aces defeated Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in the women's division tiff, 63-49.

The 670 Sonics pulled away in the second half for the easy win. On top by only 3 after the first canto, 19-16, the 670 Sonics got 6 points apiece from Melvin Cadiang, Ernest Duenas, and J.R. Ngeskebei to take a 51-33 halftime edge.

The 670 Sonics continued to pounce on the Ballers in the second half with Matt Duenas delivering the finishing touches in the team's lopsided win.



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The 670 Akkeri's Syl Teregeyo squeezes himself into the defense of two Casino players during the second quarter of their game in the MIBF island-wide caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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A Saipan Vegas Elite player, right, dribbles away from a Chinatown Titans defender during the second half of their boys U18 division game in the Diaz youth caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Saipan Vegas Elite downs Titans

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Saipan Vegas Elite played steadier in the homestretch to beat the Chinatown Titans, 43-39, in the boys U18 division game in the 2018 Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ahead by only 3, 37-34, with a little over a minute left in the match, Saipan Vegas Elite drew back-to-back baskets from Albert Atan and a point-blank shot from Luis Blas to foil the Titans comeback bid. The Titans had a chance to cut the 3-point deficit to 1, but missed two free throws, followed by a split from Louie Calayag and a couple of wayward shots before David Zhang got away with a fastbreak layup down to the last 5 seconds of the match.

The Titans played catch up right from the start of the game, as it was held to 8 points in the first quarter.

Xavier Okaruru and Atan paced Saipan Vegas Elite after scoring 10 markers each.

BOYS U15 DIVISION
NSA Young Warriors
79, Dandan Sonics 29

The NSA Young Warriors walloped the Dandan Sonics in last Tuesday's game.

Four NSA Young Warriors players scored in twin digits in the victory. Aven Evangelista had 18 points, Mike Daikichy added 16, and Jonathan Riungel and Jericho Jones contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

The win was in the bag for the Young Warriors right after the first half as they led by a wide margin, 45-11. The Young Warriors then played no let-up against the younger and inexperienced Dandan Sonics crew for the 50-point victory.

670 Sonics 54, Saipan Vegas Extreme 49

Ronald Bernardo and Clarrenz Contreras delivered the key baskets for the 670 Sonics in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter.

Contreras had 5 of the 670 Sonics' last 9 markers, including the team's final 3, while Bernardo hit back-to-back field goals. Bernardo finished with a game-high 23 points, while Contreras recorded 16 markers, 14 of them came in the second half.

Duncan Laxa had 16 points in a losing effort for Saipan Vegas Extreme.

Men's Game

670 Akkeri 78 — Litulumar 15, Pangelinan 14, A. Factor 9, P. Factor 9, Arceo 6, Teregeyo 4, Tenorio 4, Babauta 4, Aldan 2, Manglona 2.

Casino 63 — Ibag 14, Marinas 12, Sanguyo 10, Agapito

10, Atencio 7, Sebastian 6, Guiang 3, Abonita 2, Pantaleon 1.

Scoring by quarters: 16-15, 38-32, 63-40, 78-63.

Women's Game

Lady Ol'Aces 46 — L. Ran-

gamar 14, Castillo 13, Kenty 9, K. Rangamar 4, Rasiang 2, Borja 2, Omar 2.

Docomo Rollers 32 — Garon 15, Lumabi 6, Valino 5, Francisco 2, Nowicki 2, Marasigan 2.

MP United, TanHoldings keep Top 2 spots

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MP United Football Club and TanHoldings are still undefeated as they nosed out their respective opponents in the 2018 Spring M-

League last Sunday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

MP United shut down the Teen Ayuyus in the first game, 2-0, to gain a 5-0-0 win-draw-loss record and keep the lead in Division A. Not far behind MP United is the second-running TanHoldings, which

improved to a 4-1-0 slate following a 4-2 triumph over Paire FC in the final match in the triple-header last weekend.

Martin Jambor lifted TanHoldings to its fourth win after scoring a hat trick. He made back-to-back goals after finding the back of the net in the

40th and 51st minute, while his last came in the 82nd. Joshua Galarion registered the other goal for TanHoldings in the 69th minute, while Daniel Agulto and Jonathan Takano hit the board for Paire in the 32nd and 56th.

Despite the loss, Paire (2-1-2) is still in third place in the team standings of the seven-squad division, but just slightly ahead of the Teen Ayuyus (1-3-2).

MP United handed the Teen Ayuyus their second loss after Anthony Fruit and Sunjoon Tenorio scored for the division leader in the 21st and 22nd minute.

In other results in the division, Kanoa (0-2-3) forced a

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TanHoldings Football Club's James Ermitanio, left, tries to advance to ball, while Paire FC's Trey Dunn attempts to move closer on defense during their Division A game in the 2018 Spring M-League last Sunday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.



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Twin wins for Kanoa in Dove league

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Kanoa Football Club prevailed in the pair of Division A matches in the 2018 Dove Spring Women's League last week at the artificial turf at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the first game, Kanoa FC-1 edged Tan Holdings, 2-1, while Kanoa-2 topped Shirley's FC in the second tiff last April 5, 6-3.

Irish Pagarao towed Kanoa-2 to victory over Shir-



ley's after making a hat trick, while Mikky Vargas, Krizel Tuazon, and Janelle Chognaki scored one goal apiece for the winning squad. Chognacki started things off for Kanoa-2 with her shot in the



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Kanoa Football Club-2's Mikky Vargas, center, attempts to deflect the ball, while Paire FC's Jerlyn Castillo, left, and the former's teammate Jeralyn Castillo stay in the play during their Division A game in the 2018 Dove Spring Women's League last night at the artificial turf at the TSL Sports Complex.

SBL: Ballistics upsets Titanium

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R.J. Riungel had a two-RBI double, while Brandon Pua held his own in the ninth as the Ballistics pulled off an upset over Titanium, 12-9, in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League



last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Riungel went 2-for-4, driving in two runs at the bottom of the fifth with a double to put the Ballistics up at 11-8. He also scored

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JON PEREZ

A Ballistics pitcher prepares to throw to the plate in an earlier game against the Blue Jays in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

third minute, while Pagarao and Vargas both hit the board in the four-minute mark of the first half to lift their team to a 3-2 halftime lead.

Marriele Gariguez and Lil-

ian Podziewski registered the two goals for Shirley's in the first half, while Katrina Costales recorded the squad's lone goal in the second to hand Kanoa-2 the victory. Pagarao

had a brace in the second half, while Tuazon also lit up the board in that period.

In the other Division A game, Sharmaine Francisco knocked in the go-ahead

goal in the 33rd minute to lift Kanoa-1 to the close win. Earlier in the 15th minute, Erika Santiago scored for Kanoa-1's

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Rogolifoi steps aside as NMI manager



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Multi-titled baseball manager Tony Rogolifoi is looking to have a limited role with the soon-to-be-formed CNMI national team that will be competing in the 9th Micronesian Games in Yap this year.

Rogolifoi told *Saipan Tribune* that he would be stepping aside and would let others handle the national squad in its bid to reclaim the gold that the CNMI last won when Saipan hosted the quadrennial Games in 2006.

"I'll be joining the selection process. But, I will only be involved in the deliberation to avoid any confusion and setup criteria that would help

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Tony Rogolifoi, left, oversees a training session of CNMI youth players preparing for the 2015 Baseball Confederation of Oceania Under-21 Tournament.